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Dindigul & Madura

Letters sent by Mr
Hurdis to the Board of
Revenue &c during
the year 1801 —

Collectorate Vol. No. 1134.
Madura Dist:

Captain T Stewart Fort adjutant Treechenopoly

Sir,

I have the pleasure of enclosing Bill for Vellaidu Naigues Subsistance for the current month

Daraparum
2d January 1801.

I have the [illegible] &c
(Signed) T B H[illegible]
Collector

John Casamajor Esqr Commercial Resident Tinnevelly

Sir

I have the honor to inclose herewith an Invoice of Cash this day dispatched to you and a Bill for the Gollah Peons hire and Batta to the Sepoys

Upon the invoice this day dispatched I beg the favor of you to send me Bills in Triplicate on Subtreasurer payable at sight in favor of himself for Cash received of me.

3d January 1801.

I have the honor &c

Invoice of Cash dispatched for Mr Casamajor Commercial Resident at Tinnevelly under charge of Shaik B[illegible] Havildar 1 Naigue & 16 Sepoys of 5th Company of 1st Battalion 9th Regiment nati[ve] Infantry

Bag No 1	Containing		S P N Pags	1000	per Goller	Buchnaig putty		Rungapa Naig.
Do 2	Do		Do	1000	per Do			Alagherry Naig.
Do 3	Do		Do	1000	per Do			Das[illegible] Naig.
Do 4	Do		Do	1000	per Do			Venkat Naig.
Do 5	Do		Do	1000	per Do			Govindapa Naig.
Do 6	Do		Do	1000	per Do			Hondy Naig.
Do 7	Do		Do	1000	per Do			[illegible] Naig.
Do 8	Do		Do	1000	per Do			Dasiry Naig.
Do 9	Do		Do	1000	per Do			Com[illegible] Naig.
Do 10	Do		Do	1000	per Do			Mee[illegible] Naig.
Do 11	Do		Do	1000	per Do			Chinna Alagherry Naig.
Do 12	Do		Do	1000	per Do			Venk[illegible] Naig.
Do 13	Do		Do	1000	per Do			Chokapa Naig.
Do 14	Do		Do	1000	per Do			Nall[illegible] N[illegible]
Do 15	Do		Do	1000	per Do.			Hilly Naig.
Do 16	Do		Do	1000	per Do	Matepollum		Rungapa Naig
Do 17	Do		Do	1000	per Do	Magoor Commay Kullum		Cota Dasary Naig.
Do 18	Do	Total Do	Do	1000	per Do	Do		Chinna Dasary Naig.
Do 19	Do	N.P.N. Pagds		1000	per Do			Alagherry Naig.
Do 20	Do		Do	1000	per Do			Peddy Naig.
Do 21	Do		Do	1000	per Do			Baswapa Naig.
Do 22	Do		Do	1000	per Do			Coothy Naig.
Do 23	Do		Do	1000	per Do			Pared Venkat Naig.
Do 24	Do		Do	1000	per Do	Moortynaig putty		Venkatapa Naig.
Do 25	Do		Do	1000	per Do			Kistnama Naig.
Do 26	Do		Do	1000	per Do			Rutnagherry Naig.
Do 27	Do		Do	1000	per Do			Toola Naig.
Do 28	Do		Do	1000	per Do	Pali putty		Goorvapa Naig.

Carried forward N.P.N. Pags 10000.

Brought forward N P N Pagds 10000

Bag No. 29	containing N P N Pagds	1000	per Gollah	Pullaputty	Naugum naig
Do. 30	Do.	Do. 1000	per Do.		Venkat naig
Do. 31	Do.	Do. 1000	per Do.		Pauppy naig
Do. 32	Do.	Do. 1000	per Do.	Mootun putty	Nozum naig
Do. 33	Do.	Do. 1000	per Do.		Audjapa naig
Do. 34	Do.	Do. 1000	per Do.		Mar naig
Do. 35	Do.	Do. 1000	per Do.	Soodu putty	Nullam naig
Do. 36	Do.	Do. 1000	per Do.		Sooba naig
Do. 37	Do.	Do. 1000	per Do.		Daudy naig
Do. 38	Do.	Do. 1000	per Do.		Boddy naig
Do. 39	Do.	Do. 1000	per Do.	Balakistna Poorum	Alagherry naig
Do. 40	Do.	Do. 1000	per Do.		Peddy naig
Do. 41	Do.	Do. 1000	per Do.		Sooba naig
Do. 42	Do.	Do. 922 3 5			
		23922 3 5			

Charges Battah to the Guard & hire to Gollah Peons as per accompanying Bill N P N P ... 77 10 7

Total 24000

	St Pags f c
Total old P N Pagods (18000) Eighteen thousand at 120 per cent Star Pagods are	15000
Total N P N Pagodas (24000) Twenty four thousand at 120 per cent Star Pagodas are	20000
Total S Pags	35000

Eighteen thousand old P N Pagodas and Twenty three thousand nine hundred and twenty two N P N Pagds three Culy fs and thirteen ana Cash exclusive of charges have been delivered to the charge of Soobaroy Chetty and Ramalinga Chetty Shroffs as per their receipt for the above sum of this date Copy annexed

Dindigul
3d January 1801

(A Copy of the receipt in Tamil)

[illegible] John [illegible] major Commercial Resident at Tinnevelly Dr.

	N P N P f c
To Battah to a Guard consisting of one Havildar one Naig & 16 Sepoys for escorting Cash from Dindigul to Tinnevelly being for 22 days at one Mifon each per day is mfs 396 making Star Pagodas 8 mfs 36 which at 120 N P N Pagds per cent Star	10 7 "
To hire to the Gollah Peons for Carriage of forty two Bags of old & new Porto Nova Pagodas from Dindigul to Tinnevelly at [illegible] is Cul. Chs 92 4 at 13¾ Culy fs per is N P N P	67 2 12
N P N Pags	77 10 7

Dindigul 3d January 1801
Errors Excepted per

I do hereby certify that the above expense for the Transport of the Cash sent to the commercial Resident was bonafide incurred for that purpose and for no other.

William Jones Esqr. Sub Treasurer &c
Fort St George

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor of inclosing 1st of set of bill by Mr Campbells of Nesoor for Cash advanced that Gentlemen on account of the 1st payment of the Sum directed to be provided on account of his conduct on the Board of trade in favor of revenue

2 As I received no subtraction whatever as to the form in which this Cash was to be drawn from me I am doubtful whether the bill now transmitted be right. Should any alteration be found necessary I will be much obliged by your giving me the form and instruction with as much speed as possible that any mistake now in it may be properly adjusted.

I have also the pleasure to transmit bill on the Board of Revenue dated 1st December for St Pagods 13.4.45 - in favor of the Civil fund

I have the honor &c
(Signed) T B Hardis
Collector

Darapoor
4th January 1801

PS Mr Campbell bill dated 1st January for St Pagodas 10,000 ten thousand on the Board of trade in favor of revenue.

(Signed) T B Hardis

Cecil

Cecil Smith Esquire Civil auditor

Sir,

Herewith be pleased to receive my account for December 1800/1 which I trust will be correct in form and Matter.

I have the honor &c.

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dārāpoor
4th January
1801.

William Petre Esquire President & Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

Chidumbera Pillah formerly Tahsuldar of Manapara arrived at my Cutcherree on the 21st Decbr in charge of Deloyet Naysoo.

2 I heard what he wished to say and required of him the names of those evidences he thought necessary to substantiate his allegations as such in the petition presented to your Board in June last as per what he advanced four written documents to me.

3 He gave in the names entered in the accompanying list, and assigned those reasons entered against each name as his motives for requiring their attendance.

4th He appears to me to have two objects in view. 1st to prove he does not owe the balance charged against him; and secondly to prove the loss he has sustained by the conduct of the Dobashes, Soobroy Moodely & Teagaray. These two objects are however so consolidated that it is next to an impossibility to seperate them so as to get distinct proof in both.

5 The business appears to me material. The petitioner has been proved the almost unintelligible circumstances of the case hardly used. It is equally interesting to justice as to humanity that he should be either cleared

or

or condemned on such investigation.

6. Thus impressed I beg the interference of your Board to direct those people resident at Madras, Trichinopoly Madura and Ramnad to proceed to Dindigul when I will endeavour with the least possible delay to examine and report on the merits of the case.

Darapoor
5th January
1801.

I have the honor &c.

no signature

Evidences required by Chidumbra Pillah from Madras.

Damodurdoss. The Gomastah of Buccajeedoss, was sent from Madras to Treppetee by Soobroy Moodly Mr Landons dubash, that he might not be present if called for by the Board. This man is represented to be most necessary as his evidence the Plaintiff says will certainty substantiate the account cash paid to the Dubashes, from the fear of which he was put out of the way.

Tanajee the above named Gomastah, Golah peon who carried the orders for cash to the dubashes which were afterwards paid from the bank at Madura.

From Trichinopoly Gopauldoss to prove the account current and the cause for which the various advances were made and how made. Gondapah his Gomastah for the same purpose. Veerabudra pillah the Curnum of Abdul-cader commandant. Do Do.

Murdanaig Pillah the bullock maistry to prove the account disbursements &c. Moottoocurpa Pillah Do Do and the account current &c.

From Madura Sawmy Pillah to prove the account current &c transactions.

Goodulyah to prove the Pakut of the Poligar

gave

gave a bond in security for Chidumbra Pillah. This bond is now the house of Baccajee or its Gomastah Gopauldoss.

From Ramnad Ponecotya Pillah Chidumbra Pillahs Sumperdy

The Vakeels of

Ramgherry	Topa Pillah	Present.
Cadamoor	Coniah	Not to be found.
Comaravaddy	Venket Soobiah	
Togamallah	Culliana Soondra	
Veeramalla	Coopiah	At Dindigul
Manugaporry	Ramasawmy or Velapillah	Dead.
Nuttum	Pillah	Remaining

Chidumbra Pillahs Vakeel Shashia to speak to every thing and Soobraya Moodly the Defendant now Mr. Innes Dobash.

From Madras	Soobroy Moodly	
	Damodra Doss	
	Ranajee Gola	
From Trichinopoly	Gopaul doss.	Veerabudra Pillah
	Gondapah	Murdanaig Pillah
		Mootooveerpa Pillah
From Madura	Sawmy Pillah	
	Godalyah	
From Ramnad	Ponecotya Pillah	

John B Travers Esquire Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Sir,

Herewith be pleased to receive register of Bill and return of Troops on my requisition for the last Month. The demand Collection and balance accompanies, which having brought before the Board, I beg you will be so good as to hand to the accountant General.

Darapoor
6th January
1804.

I am Sir &c
(Signed) T. B. Hardis
Collector

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George Buchan Esquire Secretary to Government
&c.

Para 1. I have received your letter of the 31st December containing the order of the Right Honorable Governor in Council for an advance of Star Pags. 59829 fifty nine thousand eight hundred and twenty nine S Pags to the house of Harrington Watts & Co or their order.

2 Previous to the receipt of this order I had advanced from the balance in my Treasury since the 1st Inst as follows

To the Commercial Resident	35000
To the Madura Paymaster	13800
To Mr. Campbell on account of his Contract	10000
	58800
Current expences about	5000
	63800

3. Of the balance in my Cash chest 7½/10 are composed of Cuntary fanams new and old. Veri and Gopauly fanams new Pondicherry Rupees old Do Sultany Company & Arcot. the remaining 2½/10 is in Porto Novo Pagds Bahaderi Tekari Doorgy Vencatapatty and Tanar cash or Venetians in amount very insufficient for payment of the order.

4 The Current Kist will probably bring in Bahadary Sultany and Star Pagds. but I do not apprehend the order can be complied with before the latter end of February in the coins noted in the margin of your letter even if all of those sorts are keeped exclusively for that purpose.

5 There is little money at this instant in my Treasury in consequence of my having put the Kistbundy of the current year one month later than last year owing to the backwardness of the season.

Daraporam
7th January 1801.

I have &c.
(Signed) T.B. Hurdis
Collector.

Cecil Smith Esquire Civil auditor.
Fort St George

Sir,

Annexed I have the honor of sending answers to your remarks on my accounts for May June & July 1800.

2 I have applied to the Board of Revenue for authority for Nos 2·3·4·5·7·8 & 9 as any further explanation from me could only result from those authorities you have deemed insufficient.

Daraporum
7th January 1801.

I have &c
(signed) F.B. Hurdis
Collector.

William Jones Esquire Subtreasurer &c
Fort St George

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor of transmitting bill No. 34 date 3d January 1801 for Star Pagods thirteen thousand eight hundred Star Pagds 13800 by the Madura Paymaster on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Revenue.

Daraporum
8th January 1801.

I have &c
(signed) F.B. Hurdis

J.B. Travers Esquire Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Sir,

I beg the favor of you to forward a triplicate set of receipts for the coins sent to the Board under date 7th December.

Darapoor
9th January 1801.

I am &c
(signed) F.B. Hurdis
Collector.

Robert Woolf Esquire Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

Herewith be pleased to receive the accounts for the districts under my management for December 1800/1

Daraporum
11th January 1801.

I have &c
(signed) F.B. Hurdis
Collector.

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Robert Woolf Esquire Accountant General.

Sir, Herewith I have the honor to send the probable balance of cash on the 31st January. I beg to apologize for delaying it until this day.

Darapoor
12th January
1801

I have &c
(Signed) R. Hurdis
Collector.

William Petre Esquire President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen, I was this morning honored with the Commands of your Board thro Mr Depy Secretary Garrow dated 7th Instant covering copy of the Chief Secretary's letter of the 5th January.

2 Every exertion I can make in assistance to the service will I trust prove to your Board my earnest ambition to deserve the confidence it is pleased to express in my favor.

3 Having from every information received, strong reasons for supposing Verupatchee will endeavour to distress the district of Pylney whence the largest share of supplies must be drawn and conceiving that the Sibbendy I had would be insufficient to assist completely their transport to the detachment and at the same time defend the western parts of that district and Shuckragherry from the very probable attempts of the Belli Poligar. I requested of Major Macleod (not wishing to involve a further expence in raising other men) to send me as many of his Condaukers as he could with safety spare from his Talooks.

4 He has complied with my wish and sent me all he could with safety spare. I could wish if your Board see not any great cause of objec-

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tion to give to each of these condachars battah at the rate of one seer of rice or its equivalent in money per dum. It has been customary for these people to receive Battah and the expence will be very trifling compared with the good that may result from it by keeping all in good humour.

3. I have further to request your Board will be pleased to solicit Government that the stores of Dindigul may supply such powder and ball for my Sibbendies as may bee necessary.

Daraporum
13th January 1801

I have &c.
(signed) F. B. Hurdis
Collector.

Captain Army Commanding Caroor.

Sir,

Lieut. Col. Innes having desired the details of his corps on duty with me, should join their Battalion at Dindigul and the party at Columbum being no more I have absolutely necessary. I have to request you will be pleased to send from Caroor a party of the protection for my Cutcheree & Treasury at Daraporum equal to that now reached to Dindigul. Vizt.

Subadar or Jemedar	Havildar	Naigue	sepoys
one	two	two	forty

with as little delay as possible.

Daraporum.
14th January 1801.

I have &c.
(signed) F. B. Hurdis
Collector.

William Petree Esquire President &c Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

I have received the statement of the investment to be substituted for that sent

under

under date 31st October last and can have no hesitation in mentioning that I can answer for the full amount for Tennevelly Viz S Pagds 123379-13-53½ one Lac twenty three thousand three hundred and seventy nine S Pagodas fanams thirteen Cash fifty three & one half and the amount of the Coimbature Sugar contract (Mr Campbells) Viz S Pagds 44285,,26.20. S Pagds forty four thousand two hundred and eighty five fanams twenty six and Cash twenty provided the sums already advanced on the 1st Instant be included as part payment, and provided that the Military Indents do not exceed the Paymasters present estimates of 13800 S Pagds per Month.

2 The advance to Mr Campbell was 10000 S Pagds as directed in the former statement of the investment as Voucher for which advance I received his Bill on the Board of Trade.

3 As I am not certain that the mode of Voucher was correct I request to be favored with directions on the subject. I sent the Bill to the Sub Treasurer on the 4th Instant with a request that if alteration was necessary he would be so good as to inform me but having received no answer I am led to solicit the attention of your Board to the subject.

4 And I could wish to be favored with an answer as soon as possible because by the contract 5000 S Pagds fall due the 1st February and by the present statement 5499-40-55. in addition to the advance made are now as 35 per cent of the Total. Under this difference and the uncer=

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tainity with respect to the Voucher I received for the advance I shall not make a further issue until I am honored with the orders of your Board on the subject

I have &c.

Dharapoorum
15th January 1801

(Signed) F. B. Hurdis
Collector.

Stephen Lushington Esquire &c.

Sir,

I duly received your note bearing Palamcottah post mark in reply to mine of the 27th December on the 6th Inst

2 The cows and Bulls are all collected and will be ready to march from Dindigul on the 28th Inst

3 I beg the favor of you to send me a route to Tinitary and to apprize me of the name of the person or persons to whom they are to be delivered at that place.

4 I beg the route you send may specify the distances of each place from the other whence it will be known to you as well as myself at what time the boats may be required.

5 I request the favor of you to issue such orders as may be necessary for their safety on the journey. I shall send as many peons &c to take care of them as possible but I fear tha the Collery country unless more care be given to them than is just now in my power to afford. The one thousand five hundred cows and one hundred and fifty Bulls may not arrive safe at their destination

6 I shall apply to the officer commanding Madura for a guard to accompany them from thence on receiving your answer & the route.

I am &c.

Darapoor.
19th January
1801.

(Signed) F. B. Hurdis

To the officer Commanding Paulghautcherry
Sir
This will be delivered by Subedar Aldar Cawn commanding a guard in charge of Treasure to a considerable amount for the Commissioners of Malabar.

2 Should there be any disturbance that may render its safe passage from Paulghautcherry to Calicut in any degree hazardous I have to request you will be so good as to afford that additional force which may ensure its safe arrival with the Commissioners.

Daraporum
22d January 1801
I am &c.

John Spencer Esquire President &c. Commissioners in Malabar.

Gentlemen
I have this day dispatched treasure for your commission as per accompanying invoices No. 1 & 2 duplicates and a letter from the house of Harrington Ramaley and Cockburn with the Cash.

2. The treasure from me will join that from the Collector Selum at Coimbatore and proceed thence to Paulghautcherry.

3. No. 3 is copy of letter from me to the officer Commanding Paulghaut and in addition to my request so addressed I have further to beg that should your Commission apprehend any hazard in its passage from Paulghautcherry to Calicut, that you will be pleased to give such orders in assistance as may ensure its safe arrival with you.

4 My Shroff accompanies the treasure, to whom I have to request receipts in triplicate (on copy of the invoice now sent) may be granted for the payment into your treasury on account of Harrington,

Ramaley

Rumaley and Cockburn. The first of the set I beg the favor of you to dispatch to me per tappal. The duplicate and Triplicate to send by the Shroff.

I have the honor &c.

William Jones Esquire Sub Treasurer &c.

Sir, Herewith be pleased to receive bill dated 19th January for St. Pagds 35000 thirty five thousand by the Tennevelly Resident on the Board of Trade in favor of Revenue.

Darapoor
22d January
1801.

I have &c.
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis.
Collector.

Robert Hughes Esq.

Sir, By orders of the 19th Instant you will have observed I am ordered to assist your department in providing supplies of Grain and Provision for the Detachment at Dindigul I have upwards of two thousand Cullums of Rice ready at Pylney I have ordered one thousand Gonies. You have only to say what you want and I will with every practicable speed endeavour to afford it to your people. Carriage Bullocks I cannot procure. The Depots at Pylney is so far in advance between two & three thousand Sheep are collected there and as many more as you may require shall be ready on your giving me timely notice so that your people will have little else to do than receive and pay for the supplies, but I cannot get carriage Bullocks and you must send them from Madura with as little delay as possible

Oelapolleum
24th January
1801.

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis.

George Meehan Esqr. Secretary to Government

Para 1st. Sir, I had the honor to receive your letter of the 21st Inst this Morning

2 I beg you will communicate to the Right Honble the Governor in Council my extreme regret That the advance from my treasury to the commercial Resident should have inconvenienced the financial arrangements at this Presidency

3 I have however by means of the Current Kist realized more of the coins directed than I expected and I sent on the 22d Inst to Coimbetore, to join the treasure from the Salem Collector, that the amount of both invoice might proceed under one escort to Calicut in the Coins directed on account of Harrington & Co. treasure to the amount of Star Pagds 54814-30-38 the remaining sum due on the order shall be sent so soon as possible

4 I had under date the 22d Inst privately requested the Collector of Salem to make up this deficiency wh. could have been replaced in his treasury from mine in the ensuing Kist

5 I have been aware of the necessity of providing means for the use of the field force and I have much pleasure in stating for the information of the Right Honble Governor in Council, that I shall be in every respect prepared.

I have the honor &c.

Robert Woolf Esquire Accountant General.

Sir, I have been favored with your letter of the 19th Inst covering copy of Mr. Secretary Buchan's on the 13th and loose no time in returning the answer you require.

2 The Cash in my treasury on the 31st Decr.

was

was as stated in my Monthly accounts. My inability to discharge the order in favor of Harrington & Co. did not arise from deficiency of means but from the coins in which the advance was to be made being specifically restricted. *In answer to 2d Paragraph*

3. With respect to the advance to the commercial Resident, Mr Collector Lushington under date 23d Novr wrote me to know what portion I could supply of the sums necessary for the Ramnad and Tinnevelly investment on the calculate statement to them sent of Novr and on which it was supposed advances were to be. In reply to his letter, under date the 27th November I stated that on the 1st December I might in coins of sorts be able to advance 61000 Pags (Sixty one thousand Pags) of which amount I expected might be received from me as follow *In answer to 3d Paragraph*

In S.P. Pagds at the rates of exchange fixed by you		35000
In Behaudry	do	about 7000
		42000

4. I also pointed out in other sorts of coins means for the remaining 19000 of the whole of which viz 61000 I said the Resident may as much as may please him to take.

5. Mr Cassamajor saw my letter, and under date 12th December he required of me the amount Stars and Porto Novo Pagods mentioned in my letter above noted to Mr Lushington. I sent him copy of my letter to set him right in a mistake he was under about Pagds none being mentioned.

6. Under date 17th December Mr Cassamajor wrote thus. "I have the honor to send you my Shroff "who will receive from you in new Porto Novo Pagds. Pagds 20000 "in old Do. Do. Pagds 15000. total 35000 the other coins are of no use to me

7 Mr Cassamajors Shroff arrived at Dindigul on the 27th December. I received his letter at Daraporium on the 29th and considering his demand the result of my engagement to supply him as noted in my letter of the 27th Novr. I returned an order for the issue of the sums he had specifically required.

8 The order reached Dindigul early on the morn of the 31st. The advance for Mr Campbell and for the paymaster were made before the Residents quota was begun but his was completed and dispatched to Tinnevelly early on the Memory of the 5th. The invoice was dated the 3d and from that time to the 5th the treasure was detained to get my signature to the invoice.

9th In my probable estimate for December 1800 I had entered as the probable demand of the resident 32826.41.60. which was calculated at 35 per cent seperately on both the Tinnevelly investment of 82071.31.69 and charges 11719.21 and the probable balance on the first January in my treasury entered in the probable statement was S.Pagds 88055.30.72.

10. My reason for entering this sum as the probable demand of the Resident was because it occurred to me that he wanted perhaps require of which was offered Porto Novo pagodas only and I supposed the amount of 35 per cent on the seperate totals of the investment and charges of Tinnevelly would be the extent of his demand. I was however mistaken, as he required some what more but it did not occur to me that I should disarrange any financial purpose at the Presidency by my Compliance. On the Contrary I hoped to forward the service by directly affording it.

11 No ambiguity of expression was

meant in my letter to Government and I am sorry you have adopted the word in reproof since that very reproof plainly shows you understood the in practice mentioned.

12 My Kists are due on the 1st day of the malabar month which corresponds with about the 11th of ours. My letter to Government was dated 7th & from Daraporum with the exception of the Tasildar of that Talook, when I am at Daraporum not one Tasildar is nearer than 16 miles to me and the farthest is near 111 miles from me of the conquered countries not one cash was on or before the 7th realized of the Dindigul Districts the kist due on the 13th of January by the Ayacoody Poligar had as usual with him been paid before it became due, and this alone was all I have to be realized.

13 No collections are ever held by me realized until received from the Talooks shroffed by the Hoozoor Cutcherie Shroff and placed in the treasury.

14 I have however the pleasure of acquainting you that of the sum ordered to be paid me for Harrington & Co. I despatched on the 22d to Coimbatore to meet the treasure of the Salem Collector that all might proceed to Calicut under one escort in coins as ordered from the Current Kist and from what remained in my Treasury to the amount of Pagds 54814-30-38 triplicate copy of the invoice I sent under date 22d to Harrington & Co the balance due on the order shall also be dispatched so soon as I may be able safely to send it.

Cosapollum }
26th January 1801 }

I have the honor &c

Robert Hughes Esqr &c Madura

Sir,

Para 1. I am happy to tell you that seven

hundred

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hundred and thirty three Bullocks are in readiness for your department, of this number all are at Pylney save about one hundred and eighty this number will also be there in three days.

2 Your agent tells me he has five hundred so your number of 1200 is more than completed.

3 I have advanced the detachment as recommended in your letter of the 18th Instant to Lieutt Colo Innes independant of giving you the full amount of your Indent Viz 13,800 Star Pags I shall have ready for the use of the detachment when you call for it fifty thousand Pondicherry Rupees.

4 All the rice Viz twenty four garce is ready at Pylney - You people have only to receive it I hope there will be no delay.

5 Have you any further wish that in furtherance of the service I can assist you in effecting.

6 I hope you will direct your agent to receive the amount of your Indent on account of February as quick as possible as well in case to myself or to him -

Colapollum
27th January
1801

I am Sir &c
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Robert Hughes Esqr. &c

Sir,

Para 1 - I have received your favor of the 28th Inst.

2 - The cause that might have prevented my assisting the service by the supply of Bullock I have over come, and the Bullocks your agent has got Viz 500 are by my having given up the import of Grain for the present at Dindigul from the Valley.

3 All the other Gonies &c are ready at Pylney It will be less difficult and infinitely

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less tardy and disadvantagious to the service for you to recollect the advances made to the Madura people, than for the service to await their progress from Madura to the depot at Pylney 80 miles.

4 Fourteen thousand Star Pagds in Coins have been advanced to your agent, Copy of receipts and Register of chests enclosed. for which I beg the favor of your bills on the Military Paymaster General with all convenient speed.

Colapollum
29th January
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I have the honor &c
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collector

Robert Woolf Esqr. Accountant General

Sir,

The statement of probable balance of Cash in hand dated the 10th January included under the Item of probable receipt from the 10th to the 31st the amount of the Dindigul Land Revenue - Syr - Dindigul and Madura Pollums only

2 The probable Collections for the subsequent month included the Dindigul Land Revenue and the Syr only.

3 The Land Revenue from the conquered Countries, the Jummabundy not being finished I could not ascertain until now with sufficient accuracy to enter in the estimate, particularly as I had in every Talook and Village adjustments to make an account of Collections made ere the state of each Village and Talook was exactly ascertained.

4 Hence it is that more is in the enclosed statement brought to account than from the one previously sent there was reason to expect.

5 The Item of probable receipts between

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10th & 31st contains the amount entered in the former estimate as noted in 1st and 2d Paragraph, and the Land Revenue of the conquered Countries and the NB of probable Collection for the subsequent Month contains the 22244 .. 31 .. 69 with the Land Revenue of the conquered Countries for that Month.

6 The Peishcush of Manapara Shackaagherry and the Aunamalli Poligars is not included in the estimate as yet no settlement is made. An arrangement for the two last being now under reference to the Board. and the first being recommended to be remain as last year.

7 I will loose not one moment in expediting this business which I am aware without this explanation might effect your office. And so soon as possible I will transmit my Jummabundy which only now waits for the completion of the Poligars settlement,

Colapollum 31st January 1801

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) F.B. Hurdis.
Collector.

John Travers Esquire &c.

Sir,

Your letter dated 26th January I have this moment received and return to you the receipts it enclosed.

2 I have to request you will refer to my letters of 7th December & 19th January and pass your receipt in triplicate on copy of the invoice the set now returned not being sufficiently specific for voucher to my account in the office of audit.

Colapollam 1st February 1801

I am Sir, &c.
(Signed) F.B. Hurdis.
Collector.

Edward

Edward Campbell Esqr. &c.

Sir,

Para 1. Enclosed I send copy of receipt of Valluda Pillah for the equivalent of Star Pagodas five thousand advanced in Companies Rupees at the Government rate of exchange Viz 350 pr % Star Pagods

2 I beg the favor of your bills on the Board of Trade as last Month specifying the coin received and the rate of Exchange at which it was advanced as soon as possible.

I have the honor &c.

Colapollam
1 February 1801.

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis.
Collector.

W. Jones Esqr. Sub Treasurer.

Sir,

I have the honor of transmitting Bill No. 42, date 1st February 1801 for S Pags. 14000 Star Pagodas fourteen thousand by the Madura Paymaster on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Revenue.

I have the honor &c.

Callapollum
1st February
1801.

Robert Hughes Esqr. Paymaster Madura.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose copies of receipts granted me by your agents for coins advanced to him amounting to the sum of nineteen thousand eight hundred and twenty Star Pagodas, thirteen fanams and sixty five cash for which I beg the favor of your Bills on the Military Paymaster General with all convenient speed.

I have the honor &c.

Callapollam
2d February 1801.

John Spencer Esquire President &c. Commissioners of Malabar.

Gentlemen,

The shroff Venkatram Chetty

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whom I sent with the Treasure for the Commission as men-tioned and invoiced in my letter of the 22d Ult. was taken ill at Coimbatore. I therefore sent a second Shroff Paupa Shetty to assist him from Dindigul.

2 I have this moment learned Venkatram Chetty was unable from extreme weakness and illness to leave Coimbatore. That Paupa Shetty had arrived then on the 3d and was proceeding to Calicut.

3 I have therefore to request the favor of your Commission to receive the amount invoiced from Paupa Shetty unless you have any objection in which case I request to be advised of it. and that you would keep the bags sealed and invoiced in deposit until I can arrange to send the shroff first directed to deliver the money who is ordered to proceed to Calicut as soon as possibly can.

4 I am this moment honored with your letter of the 26th January. The delay in its arrival is occasioned by its going to Trichinopoly any future letter will be more speedly conveyed if entrusted to the Collector at Paul-ghautcherry with directions for him to forward it to Pyllachee.

5 As reference appears necessary for the reasons assigned I have to request I may be informed as soon as your Commission received the necessary instructions from Government on the subject.

I have the honor &c
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Daraporum
5th February
1801

Cecil Smith Esquire Civil Auditor.

Sir,

I have the honor of sending my accounts for January 1801 which will I trust be found Correct.

2 I have made the entry on account of the Civil fund as you directed. Am I to send the second

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of the Bills drawn on the Sub Treasurer?

3 I beg you will send me the account of what may be due from my assistant Mr Barclay that it may be brought to account in favor of the fund next Month.

Daraporum 5th February 1801

I am Sir &c
(Signed) F B Hurdis
Collector.

John B Travers Esqr Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Sir,

Having brought the demand Collection & Balance before the Board. I beg you will hand it to the accountant General. The Register of Bills and return of troops accompany.

Daraporum 5th February 1801

I am Sir, &c
(Signed) F B Hurdis
Collector.

Captain Hazard Commanding Detachment Daraporum.

Sir,

The apprehensions I have least the Poligars who have absconded should make an attack on the Pillachee district or impede the collections and which apprehension are much increased by intelligence of this Morning induces me to request the favor of you to detach a Subadars party to Pillachee to protect the district and collection.

The trained Sibbendy now stationed there will be put under the orders of the officer you may send to be employed by him as the good of the service may require.

Daraporum 6th February 1801

I have the honor &c
(Signed) F B Hurdis
Collector.

Captain

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Captain M Grant Commanding Dindigul.

Sir,

Having reason to think there are several parties of plunderers in the Country detached either directly or indirectly from Veroopatchy. I have to request that the guard at my Cutcherree may be increased to such extent as you may deem adequate to the security of the treasury and records and that the officer in command may be especially directed to be very vigilant. I have further to request in event of any party making an attempt that you will give that guard every necessary additional support.

I am Sir &c.
(Signed) J B Hurdis
Collector.

Camp
8th February
1801.

Robert Hughes Esquire Paymaster Madura.

Sir,

By desire of Mr Collector Hurdis I have the honor to request that you will transmit as soon as possible Bills upon the Military Paymaster General, for the sum stated in Mr Hurdis letter of the 2d Instant to have been advanced to your agent, Copies of whose receipts were at the same time transmitted to you.

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) A Macalay
Senior Assistant.

Daraporum
10th February
1801.

W Jones Esquire Sub Treasurer.

Sir,

By desire of Mr Collector Hurdis I have the honor to forward a Bill on the Board of trade dated Nerroor 1st February 1801 by Mr Edward Campbell for Star Pagodas 5,000 (five thousand) in favor of Revenue.

I have the honor &c.
signed A M.

Daraporum
10th Feby 1801

W Jones

W Jones Esquire Sub Treasurer

Sir,

By desire of Mr Collector Hurdis I have the honor to forward two Bills by the Paymaster at Madura on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Revenue No. 43 dated 3d February for Star Pag.s 5000 (five thousand) Star Pagodas No. 44 dated 4th February 1801 for Star Pag.s 14,820-13-65 - Fourteen Thousand eight hundred and twenty Star Pagodas thirteen fanams and Sixty five Cash.

Darapoorum
11th Febry 1801

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) A B
Ser. Asst.

Robert Woolf Esqr. &c

Sir,

Be pleased to receive the account of the districts under my management for January 1801.

Camp Darapoor
11th Febry 1801

I am Sir, &c
(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collector.

Robert Woolf Esquire &c

Sir,

I beg leave to send you the probable statement for the current Month. The invoices in deposit have been sooner than ordinary collected I sent in inconsequence of the urgent state of the country there totals are part of the 82153-39-6 but are several are only now arrived I cannot be specific.

Camp
Darapoorum
11th February
1801

I have the honor &c
(Signed) T B Hurdis

W Jones Esquire &c

Sir,

By desire of Mr Collector Hurdis I have the honor to enclose a Bill by him upon you for the sum of Star Pagodas 13-4-45 thirteen Star Pagodas four fanams

fanams and forty five Cash in favor of the trustee of the Civil fund -

Daraporum 12th February 1801.

I have the honor &c
(Signed) A B
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William Hawkins Esquire &c

Sir,

I have received your favor of the 11th Inst covering the enclosed indent & certificate with an annexed account.

2 Under date 17th July I requested General Bridge would direct a tumbril to be sent from Trichinopoly to Dindigul for the purpose of sending treasure to Madura.

3 The tumbril was sent to Dindigul but as circumstances prevented the sending the treasure to Madras. It was returned employ to Trichinopoly the morning after its arrival at Dindigul.

4 The only charge on me therefore must be for the number of days coming from Trichinopoly to Dindigal and returning thence to Trichinopoly.

5 It is possible the tumbril was employed in the coinage of Treasure to Madras sent either by the Salem or Tanjour Collector it certainly was not employed as charged for by me. any rectified account with the vouchers I shall be happy to discharge.

Daraporum 13th February 1801.

I have the honor &c
(Signed) F B Hurdis.
Collector.

Edward Campbell Esquire &c

Sir,

I have received your favor of the 12th Inst containing proposals for consideration of Bramins &c ryots of Neroir Vaungul and Achemanpoor for the cultivation of the Sugar cane.

2 In reply to the first proposal I beg to know whether you were with consent of the Ryots to retain all the land in the above named three Villages that was last year under Sugar cane cultivating or not, if not, what part the Ryots may now take to prepare for paddy field. It is necessary this should be speedily and specifically ascertained that the Ryots may suffer no loss in their crops and the Sirkar no demination in its rent. I conceive the lands last year under cultivation of the cane in the other Villages from being too far from the works are to be relinquished.

3. On the new plantations the Ryots may agree to twenty Sawty cherry Rupees per Cawny as Tucavy shall be applied for - for those made last year the advance need not be so heavy but I shall be obliged to you for an opinion of how much lest I should mention what might be inadequate.

4th With respect to the advance of ten Rupees per Cawny for the purchase of Bandies and cattle for the carriage of the cane to the works and for other agricultural purposes. The Ryots well know that if such request was proper and confined to purposes of agriculture it would be attended to as it might deserve by the Sirkar.

5 I have previously mentioned in two or three letters I had the pleasure of sending the impossibility of permitting the Tahsildar or any public servants interference in any matter that does not directly correspond with his public situation. You request therefore of being allowed to make advances through the Cutcherry to the Ryots I cannot comply with nor can I recommend

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to the Board of Revenue the adoption of a measure so incom=
=patible with existing orders.

6 Your letter shall be forwarded to the Board so soon as you will favor me with the estimate of the amount you may think ought to be advanced to the Ryots who may renew their agreements on account of the last years gardens.

7 I think it would be well also to send estimate in detail for such contingent expences as it may be ne=
=cessary to have sanction for. as well to prevent delay when wanted as to show to what extent the further assistance of the Sirkar may be required.

Camp
Darapoorum
13th Febry 1801

I have &c.
(Signed) H. Hurdis
Collector.

Major General Bridges &c. Trichinopoly.

Sir,

Para 1 I have the honor of receiving your favor of the 12th by express this morning at 8 a.m.

2 The security of the districts and of the revenues from the force left by Lieut Coll Innes was when arranged a consequence more wished for than expected. But circum-
-stances that have occurred since the 31st January by the decided rebellion of nine Poligars have placed the safety as well of the Ryots as of Revenue in a very precarious situation

3. The troops now here are the only assistance in pre-
-serving the appearance of protection at present & they prevent defection of the Sirkar Ryots but if they be removed or lessened not only will the chance of securing the Revenue be in my opinion gone but the most desastrous consequences to the country may be expected.

4 It is in my opinion wholly impracticable to detach one man. The tranquility of these Districts is even now endangered and if any part of the troops at present in them

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be detached from them I cannot be answerable for the consequences

Camp
Daraporum
Feby 14th 1801

I have &c
(Signed) T.K. Hurdis
Collector

Major James Innes &c Erroad

Sir,

You will, ere this reach you, have received the Division orders of the 13th Inst (Copy enclosed)

2 Pursuant to those orders I have to request you will with every practicable expedition proceed to Dara-porum with at least the following detail to relieve an equal number under Captain Hazard -

	Subr	Jams	Hav	N.	Sepoys
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and as many more as you may be able to bring with you The very urgent state of the Districts demanding every exertion that may tend to main-tain even the appearance of restraint by means of troops at hand -

3 The Positive and immediate necessity of detaching Captain Hazards party to Madura, urges me more particularly and anxiously to request that every exertion for quickness of arrival may be used as delay may proceed in those districts during the absence of the very trifling force in these Commotions that will endanger the safety of the whole.

Daraporum
15th Feby 1801
9 P.M.

I have &c
(Signed) T.K. Hurdis
Collector

P.S. If the whole force mentioned in Para 2 cannot come directly as many as practicable should be sent by way of Chinnamalli and Kangyem and as quick as possible.

Signed T.K. Hurdis

Captain

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Captain Hazard &c.

Sir, I Hearwith send a sealed tumbril containing one hundred and five sealed bags in which are the invoices of the deff.t Talooks as follows.

Darapoor	16 bags
Allagemalli	14
Kangyem	13
Pulladum	12
Thadapoollum	16
Pillachee	12
Pylney	22
	105 bags

containing into two conteroy Chat 42256 2-2½ forty two thousand two hundred and fifty six Chuckrums two fanams 2½ anas and Cully Chuckrums 11,630 - 10¾ Eleven thousand six hundred and thirty - this sealed tumbril with its contents I have to beg you will deliver to the Cutcherree at Dindigul.

I request an acknowledgement of this letter and a receipt for the sealed tumbril.

I have &c
(signed) J.K. Hurdis
Collector

Daraporum
11th Febry 1801
2 P.M.

Captain Hazard Commanding Detachment.

Sir, Enclosed I have the honor of sending a letter from Division head Quarters.

2 Arrangements I am informed by Major General Bridges have been made for sending troops hither to afford protection to the Country.

3 But as it must be three days from this date ere they will arrive - I have to request that you will leave here one hundred firelocks until an equal party arrive

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when they shall follow you by forced marches

4 This requisition will not either impede you or in-commode you as I must for securitys sake require you to take a tumbril with treasure to the Cucharee at Dindigul. This circumstance whilst obliging you to march slower will enable the party you leave here to overtake you by forced marches ere you arrive at the place of your destination or to join you there within twenty four hours afterwards.

5 I would recommend you to take the whole of your Camp equipage as for the short time, the party you will leave behind may stay. I will find cover for them.

The following is the route by which I recommend your proceeding.

From Darapoor
to Pootooloor
Yerracottah
Sholarumbo
Dindigul
Ameterra
Amanaignoor
Sholavandan
Madura — 91 Miles English.

7 I will send the tumbril to you the moment it is packed which will be by five P.M. this evening.

Daraporum
11th Febry 1801.

I am &c.
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector.

Captain Grant Commanding Dindigul.

Sir,

I beg the favor of you to take the cash chest and records of my Cutcherree into the fort. The smallness of the Guard and the impossibility of increasing it render this precaution in the present unquiet state of the Country absolutely necessary.

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I have to request free ingress and egress to my shroff my deputy Peishcaur my deputy Seristadar and the Golah peons with them

Darapoor
11th Febry 1801

I have &c
(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collector

Your favor of the 11th I got last night only it was returned from Camp near Pellachee.

Captain Gorden Commg Columbum

Sir,
On the receipt of this I beg the favor of you to send to this place one hundred sepoys at least with all possible expedition — they will return when Major Innes arrives who is expected on the 19th. I hope you will not loose one moment.

Daraporum
11th February
1801

I have &c
(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collector

Major Innes &c Erroad

Sir,
I beg of you not to loose one moment in sending every man you can spare to this place Captain Hazards party is gone from the extreme urgency of the service and any delay is likely to cause great confusion here.

Daraporum
11th February
1801

I am Sir &c
(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collector

Major General Bridges &c
Trichinopoly.

Sir,
Your favor of the 13th inst and enclosures I have been honored with Captain Hazard has his letter.

2 My letter of the 14th in reply to your favor of 12th will ere this reaches you have informed you of my opinion of the state of these Districts.

3 This opinion is more unfavourable and the departure of Captain Hazard exposes these provinces to an attack from five thousand banditti without any present possibility of restraining them -

4 I have urged Major Innes to move hither with a detail at least equal to what Captain Hazard had, we have much to fear, and nothing to assist at present -

5 As you were acquainted with the arrangement made by Lieut. Coll. Innes under very straitned circumstances inadequate in the first instance to the wished for security and more so from subsequent event. I could have wished to have prevented delay and the exposure of the district to probable depredations that you had been good enough to have directed Major Innes to have released Captain Hazard by an equal detail

6 This not being the case I have now seven invalid Sepoys and about sixty peons for the protection of every thing. The Treasure collected I have sent under his (Captain Hazards) charge to Dindigul no exertion of mine shall be wanting to keep order. But it is impossible to expect it and I can only regret the urgency of the service that causes this Country to be left in a state of increasing inquietitude too nearly connected I fear with the same cause of those disturbances now existing in the south.

Darapoorum
11th February
1801

I have the honor &c.
(signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

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Edward Campbell Esquire &c Nuroor

Sir,

I have received your favor of the 11th Instant until the sanction of the Board be received for an advance of Tuccavy none can be made -

2 Under existing orders you cannot be permitted to advance money to the Ryots in any manner or on any account

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whatever I am sorry not only to withold my concurrence but in this instance to oppose your wishes.

3 When you have formed in your opinion what advance may be absolutely necessary for last year Gardens and have informed me I shall loose no time in making the necessary and indispensable reference as there will not be either the labour or expense to the Ryot this year that existed in the last year less in my opinion will be sufficient but on this subject I will beg the favor of your opinion.

4 As advances of every kind are made by the Sirkar when deemed necessary I have to request the favor of you in future to refer all who may apply to you for advances to the Talook Cutcherree which is the regular channel and which the Ryots are well aware of since there may be difficulty in com-plying with promises you may make them and which I have to request you will in future decline.

5 Am I to understand the engagement men-tioned in the last Paragraph of your letter Viz. that you pay the rents of those lands which the Ryots propose at present to cultivate from the time they commence ploughing them as a new proposal for the new lands if so it materially differs from what you have sent me in your favor of the 12th and will be liable to objection - the rent of the Ryots for the lands they hold are from fusly to fusly and in none other manner whatever can any agreement be concluded with them than as they conclude with the Circar for they have not the power of disposing of their right in the lands longer than for the period those lands are assigned to them.

I have &c.

(Signed) J. Hurdis
Collector

Darasarum
17th Febry 1801

Josiah Webbe Esquire Chief Secretary &c.

Sir,

I have the honor of transmitting in the accompa=nying number for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council Copies of letter that have passed between Major General Bridges and myself.

2 . . I had intended to have availed myself of the lati=tude offered in No. 1 and to have retained the detachment for the reasons given in my answer (No. 2) but the urgency of the service appearing more strong from the General's letter (No. 3) any further opposition would have been of more probable bad consequence to the south than even to these unquiet District.

3^d My answer (No. 4) will perhaps sufficiently show the state of them and the necessity of affording me assis=tance. Major Innes from Erroad I can hardly suppose sufficiently effective to give what is wanted. He must send men to Coimbatore to replace the Infantry ordered from thence to the south and as I cannot but believe that a very strong connection exists between Veroopatchee and the southern Poligars so I fear that an opportunity offering he will influence his adherents to attack these Districts as he last year influenced the attack on Suttamungalum.

4 The numbers collected from every informa=tion I have, may exceed what I have mentioned in my letter to the General (No. 4) as yet nothing more than harrassing the Ryots on the borders of their Pollams and detaching strong plundering parties has been attempted they have been but too successful.

5 In the midst of this most unpleasant situation I have the satisfaction of telling you the Revenue with the exception of one district Shackragherry is completely

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collected. The Dindigul Poligars Veropatchee alone excepted as yet appear obedient and the Manapara Poligars are at present perfectly quiet.

6 The Poligars who absconded from this place are with their peons in Dilli, and those who thought proper to remain here are yet with the Cutcherree, Ootcooly, Cotampully, Somaltoor, and Nagamum, are nearly settled on the principal proposed. Ramapattam and Parawee pollam are in progress but after the severe proof I have received of Poligars treachery. I hope to be excused passing any opinion on their sincerity.

7 I should not have written so much but that my fears for the safety of the districts and the Revenue are very strong. Every exertion I can make to keep order, shall be made but with a banditti strong as that assembled in Veroopatchee and Dilli, my means are unable to act even defensively.

8 Independant of the Poligars acting on opportunity alone and without sufficient foresight to have and dread of consequences. The system of terror is the grand spring of their Government the Veropatchy Poligar is reported to have murdered thirteen Mussulmans (on suspecion of their having betrayed his secrets to the Sircar) within the last seventeen days, sixteen were devoted but three escaped, so far as that the informers Sooben and Alagherry declare the death of thirteen only, several other people, who have fallen under the suspecion of this Poligar have been carried away to his Combies and have not been heard of. this account rests at present on the information of these men but it is so much in character with the disposition of the

Poligar

Poligar that I have not a doubt of its truth though it may be very difficult to obtain full proof of the deed.

Daraporum 17th February 1801 — I have &c. (signed) F.K. Hurdis Collector.

Captain Gorden Commanding Columbum.

Sir,

On application of the Tahsuldar of Shakragherry I have to request you will furnish such guard as you may deem necessary for the safe escort of about Six thousand Conteroy Chucrams to Daraporum. I have also to request that no delay may happen in the coming of the guard being aware of the few Troops with you and the necessity of their quick return.

The company arrived about 4 o'clock yesterday. I am obliged by your quick detachment of them.

Daraporum February 18th 1801 — I am Sir &c. (Signed) F.K. Hurdis Collector.

To C. Campbell Esquire &c Nerroor.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr Collector Hurdis to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, and to inform you that he will recommend the whole of the estimate which accompanies it to the favorable consideration of the Board.

Mr Hurdis desires me to express his regret that he is prevented by indispensable business from the pleasure of writing to you himself.

Camp Daraporum 18th Feby 1801 — I have &c. (Signed) A.B. Ser. Asstt.

Captain Gorden Commanding Columbum.

Sir,

I have the pleasure of returning the Subadar

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and half the Company you sent Major Innes's force not being in any respect equal to what I was led to expect it to be. I shall retain the other half until he send a reinforcement when they shall be returned.

Daraporum
19th Febry 1801

I have &c
(Signed) F. B. Hardis
Collector.

Lieut R. F. Hughes Comg Detachment at Daraporum.

Sir,

I am favored with your letter covering copy of your instructions and the Garrison order from Erroad dated 17th Instant.

2 Your party is in partial relief of a small field Detacht. that was here under Captain Hazard and as such only can be considered.

3 As the urgency of the service did not admit of your waiting for Camp equipage and as there is not in this place the smallest cover of any kind whatever. I will send to the ground of Captain Hazards encampment all the tents I have that your men may have the best accommodation in my power to afford.

4 Your men encamping thus I have to request that you will keep them in continued readiness to move at the shortest warning.

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19th Febry
1801

I have &c
(Signed) F. B. Hardis
Collector.

Major James Innes Comg Erroad.

Sir, Lieut Hughes arrived with his party yesterday morning and although I am convinced you have sent every men you could spare I have to regret the inequality of Lieut Hughes party to that I required.

2 By the Garrison orders of Erroad dated 17th February you have directed Lieut Hughes to take charge of the Detachment, Fort, and Garrison of Daraporum. It possibly may not be known to you that the Fort of Daraporum is a ruin and that there never was and very likely never will be a Garrison.

3 Lieut Hughes's party is in partial relief of a Small field Detachment that was at Daraporum under Captain Hazard, and as such only can Lieutt Hughes's party be considered.

4 I have pitched some tents of my own for the cover of the party there is not either in the Fort or Village any place whatever as cover for them and though the urgency of the service required that they should not be delayed on account of the want of Camp equipage yet it is absolutely necessery they should have it. The necessary steps for procuring it better known to you then to me will of course be taken by you as expeditiously as possible.

I have &c
Signed) F K Hurdis
Collector.

Daraporum
20th Feby 1801

Captain M Grant Commanding Dindigul

Sir,

Having understood that other chests &c than those belonging to the Cutcherree are placed under charge of the same Guard, that had charge of the Cutcherree Treasury and Records. I have to request that any thing not belonging to the Cutcherree, may be removed from the charge of that guard, which I have to beg may be entirely and wholly distinct from any other.

I have directed the Malabar order

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to be given by my deputy Peishcar to the native com-
-missioned officer in charge, which I request may
be attended to the Treasure and records are of too
great consequence to be entrusted to a naigue or ha-
-vildar and eight Sepoys and although the chests &c
were removed into the fort for greatest security
I have to beg of you that no alteration be made in
the officer Commg the guard and that no further
charge than what comes from the Cutcherree be
placed with that particular guard.

Darapoorum
20th Feby 1801

I have &c
(Signed) J K Hurdis
Collector

To William Petrie Esqr President &c
Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen
Para 1 I have the honor to lay before you
copy of a correspondence which has passed between
me and Mr Campbell, relative to advances which
he wishes to be made to the Ryots.

2 With respect to the proposal which Mr
Campbell makes in No 1 to which I beg leave to
refer your Board to advance 10 Rupees per Cawney
for the purchase of Bandies and cattle for the
carriage of cane to the work and for other agri-
-cultural purposes to be made to the Ryots
through my Cutcherree, my objection to the advance
to be so made is stated in Para 5 of No 2 independant
of other obvious reasons, but should not those al-
-ready noted be sufficient to convince your Board
of the impolicy of such a measure, I am prepared
at your command to advance others in my opinion
still more substantial.

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3 As to the advance itself of ten Rupees per Cawney it is evident from Mr Campbells letter No 5 Para 5 that it is more the consequence of the cane cultivation, than necessary, since had not the cane been cultivated neither the advance of 20 Pondicherry Rupees in the first instance nor the required loan of ten in the second, would have been asked, tho' the same rent would have been paid.

4 Taking the average price of the Ryots share of the cane according to the extract of a letter from Mr Campbell No 6 deviding it into three equal sorts in the same proportion, as for that in Salem & Erroad the price of their share will not equal more than 12 Pag. or Company's Rupees 42 per Cawney, deducting from this the advance made Pondy Rs 30 or Company's Rs 31½ less than 11 Company's Rs remain for their subsistance the rent is clear to them, but the first advance of 20 Rs is for the cultivation with all incidental expences of the whole and the second, as the first can only be repaid from their share of the cane, hence I conceive the security for the advance on this account whether publicly or privately made insufficient on the present produce of the Ryots share to warrant, its being made for the term repayment proposed by Mr Campbell.

5 Notwithstanding these objections as the speculation appears favorable as Mr Campbell does not seem to consider any further advance necessary for the cultivation of the old ground and as there will be a security in the advance of ten Rupees ₽ cawney in the next years produce, from the rattoons of the last years Gardens - I beg leave to recommend that the

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whole of his estimate accompanying amtg to Pondecherry Rupees 1340, may be sanctioned, as this indulgence will probably contribute to the success of his speculation.

Camp
Daraporum
20th February
1801

I have &c
(Signed) F. B. Hurdis
Collector

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To William Petrie Esquire President &c Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen

Para 1 I have the honor to lay before you Copy of a correspondence which has passed between me and Mr. Campbell relative to advances which he wishes to be made to the Ryots.

2 With respect to the proposal which Mr. Campbell makes in enclosure No. 1 to which I beg leave to refer your Board, to advance ten Rupees per cawney for the purchase of Bandies and cattle for the carriage of cane to the works, and for other agricultural purposes and to be made to the Ryots thro' my Cutcherry, my objection to the advance to be so made is stated in Para 5 of No. 2 independent of other obvious reasons, but should not those already noted be sufficient to convince your Board of the impolicy of such a measure and my decided objection thereto, I am prepared at your command to adduce others in my opinion, still more substantial.

3 It is the advance itself of ten Rupees P^r cawney, it is evident from Mr Campbell's letter N^o Para 5 that it is more the consequence of the cane cultivation, than of necessity, since had not the canes been cultivated, neither the advance of 20 Pondicherry Rupees in the first instance nor the required loan of ten in the second, would have been asked thro the same rents would have been paid.

4 Taking the average price of the Ryots share of the cane according to Mr Campbell's letter of the 22^d December N^o dividing it into three equal sorts in the same proportion as for that in Salum and Erroad, the price of their share will not equal more than twelve Pagodas or Company's Rupees 42 per cawney, deducting from this the advance made Pondicherry 30 or Company's Rupees 31.1½ less than 11 Company's Rupees remain for their subsistence the rent is clear to them but the first advance of 20 Rupees is for the cultivation with all accidental expenses of the whole, and the second as the first can only be repaid from their share of the cane. Hence I conceive the security for the advance in this account whether publicly or privately made insufficient on the present produce of the Ryots share to warrant its being made for the time of repayment proposed by Mr Campbell.

Notwithstanding these objections as the speculation appears favorable, as Mr Campbell does not seem to consider any further advance necessary for the cultivation the old Gardens*, I beg leave to recommend that the whole of his estimate accompanying, amounting to Pondicherry Rupees 6340.

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(Six thousand three hundred & forty Pondicherry Rupees) may be sanctioned, as this indulgence will probably contribute to the success of his speculation.

Camp
Darapoorum
20th February
1801

I have the honor &c

*and as there will be a security for the advance of the Rupees per cawney in the next years produce from the Takovar of the past years gardens

William Petrie Esquire President &c
Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen. In the accompanying numbers and enclosures I have the honor of sending for the information of your Board copies of letters to the chief Secretary from and to the Officer comg the Southern division of the Army and from and to other Officers whose correspondence was occasioned in consequence of orders from the officer Comg the Southern Division of the army

2 The draft of the troops for the more immediately urgent service of the South and the consequent defenceless and unprotected state of these districts with the impossibility of the Commandants of Garrisons giving further assistance will appear from the accompaniments and require no further comment from me to show the general insecurity of these provinces

3. In respect to the Poligars who absconded from this place on the night of the 31st January I have every reason to believe that act the effect of the united influence of Veroopatchee and Delli and arising from the determination of those two Poligars

mutually

mutually determined to assist each others contumacy by every means within their reach.

4 I have made every possible enquiry to discover if the eastern Ameens Cucherree had conducted themselves improperly – but I can find nothing to affix on them that could give even a pretence for the late conduct of the Poligars unless it was from fear of consequences from the complete discovery made of their astonishing deceit and falshood, The documents of Mungalum and Periaputty however were unfortunately distroyed by the Banditti who drove the Cutcherree from Mungalum.

5 The Poligars are still at Delli The Cattum (assembly) in that Pollum is between three and four thousand men for the greatest part of them belonging to Delli – The threat of the Poligars to the Ryots of the different Pollum have induced them to pay to the Poligars a part of their rents which they were not inclined to do on the first order of the Poligars.

6 The consequences of this rupture with the Poligars have yet been felt in the Shukragherry and Pillachee Districts only. But I have every reason to fear their acts of disobedience will not be confined to Petty depredations alone.

7. It is evident to me from the abstracts of the Pollums that were preserved the tribute of several of the larger Pollums would on the principle mentioned in my letter of the 10th January have been increased but it is also clear to me from the readiness with which the Jummabundy of Mungalum and

Periaputty

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Periaputty was entered into with the Ryots of these Pollums notwithstanding the underhanded efforts of the Poligars to prevent it that the increase was no additional burthen on the Pollums.

8 The result of the investigation of the assets of the Pollums was rather more favorable to the Ryots than the valuation they had proposed by the scale of rent of the Village named in their Muchilga: their ready acquiescence to the measures is with me a strong reason for supposing they did not think the land too highly rated.

9 The Ryots do not appear to have taken any part in the rebellion of the Poligars until forced by their threats to become associates with them and this line of conduct, their knowledge of the cruel disposition of the Poligars has induced them to assent to from the hope of security against them.

10. Of the Poligars who remained at Daraporam after the others had absconded I yesterday dismissed Onscali, Cotamputty, Tomattoor, Nagamum, having settled with them for the current year and without any apparent objection on their part on the principle proposed. Their Peishcush for this year in comparison with the last is as follows.

	1209	1210	more	less
Onscali	2400	2441.1.4	41-1-4	"
Tomattoor	800	716-1.14	-	83-8-2
Cotamputty	800	965-8-15	165-8-15	"
Nagamum	650	694-0-6	44-0-6	
	4650	4817-2-7	167-2-7	

11 It is impossible for me at present to send details to your Board but I will not delay one moment the transmission so soon as the security of the Districts leaves me more at liberty to attend to the more material objects in connection with Revenue.

12. In my letter to the chief Secretary I mentioned my wish for discretionary power to entertain the Cundachars, the exigency of moment requires it and at disbanding them I will endeavour to execute the suggestion of your Board for providing for them in perpetuity as directed in. Vide No. 1 & Page 26 Paragraph 4 of letter dated 26th January.

13. convinced that the Tasuldar could not with the Talook Sibbendy keep regularity in their districts I have in assistance to those whose Talooks are most exposed directed the recruiting of the Cundachars in the members specified in the accompanying list. This measure however is rather to purchase the forbearance of those people in this unquiet moment than with any hope of deriving any efficient service from their exertions. I beg the sanction of Government may be obtained for the introduction of this charge into my accounts.

14. The Provinces are under great alarm, from the collection of banditti in Veroopatchee & Delli. I had hopes that a depredation which I am informed came to Veroopatchee some days since from Padalumcoo-pichy would have carried back Of the Sons of the late Catabominaigar who have up to his death taken Service with Veroopatchee had it so happened I should have con-

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-cluded Verupatchy would not incline to make any dis-turbance in those Districts. But as the Poligar will not suffer those Peons to depart and as his assembly is still kept up. I have reason to fear he will not be passive if he paid the state of these Districts such as to admit of his trespassing with present impunity.

15 In any irruption the assistance he will re-ceive from Delli is certain and will be strong. His son in law the Poligar and Tera Naig of Mungalum are yet in Delli and tho the obligation of Delli to Veroopat-chee for causing his original instation to the Pollum has been lessened by casual misunderstandings, yet it has not been forgot or treated with neglect. It is the influence of Delli that has induced the other Teter Poligars save Nagamum of Anamalli and Thucragherry to join the rebellious party in that Pollum.

16 Much as there is to fear from the secret treacherous influence of those people, and feel confi-dent that of the lesser Poligars were not terrified by the more powerful, they would again return to their obedience and I can not but think when it is understood what very little defference has been made in those Pollums now settled that some of them will ask for-giveness for their conduct and act according to the terms they have specified in their Muchulgas.

17. The Poligars of Mungalum, Jettipully and Periapully whose peishcush on the present principle would be much increased from the discovery of their assets will not easily come into any terms that, in the pre-sent state of the Country may imply an increase on their former tribute according to the tenor of their Mu-chilgar and I much fear the Poligar of Periapully as-sisted by Delli has shown his vindictive spirit on

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the ______ of his Pollum who were earnest that the Sirkar should settle with them the rent that should be paid and ready in disclosing what are called the secrets of their Villages.

18. It is most unfortunate that there are no means of restraining the conduct of the Poligars their Government, is upheld by a system of terror, and the implacability of their disposition is so well understood by the Ryot as to leave not any doubt but that on the first opportunity they would most fully execute whatever they might threaten. It is the firm conviction of this from all that experience has shown me added to my present very insufficient means either of coercion or protection that prevents my endeavouring to make parties in the Pollums of the absconded Poligars in favor of those measures. The Ryots of the Pollum Chemputty agreed to adopt, and which in my opinion those Poligars if unassisted by others in rebellion would not by any means originating with the Ryots of their own Pollums have so materially impeded.

19. Difficient and very unpleasant as is my present situation I shall not give up the principle I have hitherto adopted for the settlement with them, but at present too much depends on opportunity for me to mention any exact plan of proceeding. I can only assure your Board that which steadily preserving the object. My attention to the security of the Country and revenues shall be unremitted and I will endeavour strictly to prevent the adoption of any measure that may in the least tend to increase the power of those who are disaffected or augment

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the difficulty, there yet is but too much reason to apprehend of the restoration of tranquillity to the country.

I have &c.

Daraporum
21st February
1801.

Major General Bridges Comg. Trichinopoly &c.

Sir, I have just been honored with your favor of the 19th.

2. It does not appear to me necessary that Trichinopoly should be weakend in order that Caroor may be made stronger. As I know of no reason to apprehend any disturbance in that quarter.

3 It does not belong to me to state the wants of the troops but as it may cause quickness in equipment I beg to observe the party from Erroad as well the intended party from Caroor being in relief of a field detachment should be provided with camp equipage particularly as there is here no cover of any kind whatever the Fort of Daraporum is an entire ruin.

I have &c.
(Signed) T.B. Hurdis.
Collector.

Daraporum
21st February
1801

Captain M Grant Comg. Dindigul.

Sir, Your favor of the 22d. I have this moment received.

2 A reference to my letter of the 20th. will show you that my request rather went to a change of the commandant of the guard than to an increase in number of the guard the latter only as could be.

3 My house is the only place in the Districts that I have for a Cucharee those records necessary to the daily laboror must be protected & I leave

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it with you to do it in the best manner you are able fully satisfied the extent will be as far as you may think practicable.

4. It was on your urging the business under date 11th February that I consented to the removal of my Treasury and Records into the Fort, if you have further and more strong reasons for removing them into the upper Fort I would be glad to know them, and any reference you may make on the subject of my Treasury or any thing relating thereto to the officer command-ing Southern Division of the army I request the favor of you to make known to me that I may also represent what I conceive necessary for the pro-tection of my office to the Government and more particularly as it does not occur to me that there is in all the Districts any other place than my co house for the Cucheree to be kept in.

Daraporum
23d February
1801

I have &c
(Signed) F B Hurdis
Collector.

Benjamin Torin Esqr &c

Sir

No 1 I have the pleasure of sending copy of letter from Mr Secretary Buchan. As this letter parti-cularly directs the currency of the Carnatic I will be obliged by your telling me from the enclo-sed list of Coins now composing my Treasury every specific coin you can receive.

2 I have to request the favor of you to send a Shroff to receive such sums as I may be able to afford as the absence of one of mine with Treasure to Calicut. The severe sickness of a second and the

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indispensably necessary attendance of the third and only one makes it impossible for me to send any to Tangour.

3 I enclose extracts of letter to General Bridges on the subject of guard from the weak state of every Garrison I fear I shall not be able to procure the requisite assistance.

Daraporum
24th February
1801

I have &c.
(signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector.

Thomas Warden Esqr.
Collector Paulghautcherry.

Sir,
Enclosed I transmit copy of declarations relative to a robbery committed within bounds of the Cochin Country.

2 I have directed the suffers to attend you with this letter that on stating their case you may at once know how far redress should be afforded.

Daraporum
24th February
1801

I am &c.
(signed) J. B. Hurdis.
Collector.

Captain Currie Commanding Caroor.

Sir,
I have received your favor of the 23d and apprehending some mistake from the communication made I have written General Bridges on the Subject.

2. The officer of the Guard detached to me from Caroor in consequence of my letter of the 14th January applied to me for money in consequence of his people being in arrear I advanced him fifty Chucrums which he distributed among them a part of the guard went in escort of treasure to Calicut.

3 The officer previous to his leaving Daraporum applied to me a second time but went to Columbam

bam ere he received what he required. I send copy of his receipt.

4 The Havildar of the guard returned from Calicut has again applied to me for relief stating he has received no pay these three months. I promised to write you on the subject. I have to request that you will do what seems best to you and desire the Jemidar Hussen Cawn to return to my Cutcherree the advance he received from it.

I am &c
(signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector.

Daraporum
24th February 1801

Major General Bridges &c Trichinopoly.

Sir,

Captain Currie has informed me by your direction, that should any spare ammunition be wanted for the detachment now serving at Daraporum it can be supplied from the stores of Caroor.

2 I apprehend some mistake has caused this order and the communication of it which perhaps may be rectified by the following explanation.

3 I applied under date 13th January for Government to direct the issue of powder and ball from Dindigul for the use of my sibbendy. I received answer that the Commanding Officer would be directed to furnish what might be necessary.

4 It may therefore be owing to some instructions you have received on this subject that you have directed the communication I have received from Captain Currie which so far as regards the detachment, it does not belong to my department, and as far as regards the purpose for which I applied, is unneces-

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-sary at Carror there being no Sibbendy in that district re-
-quiring such supply

5 I shall be obliged by the order being extended
to Dindigul altho I beleive the Sibbendy are sufficient-
-ly supplied for any thing they may have to do.

6 It appears that the officers who have arrived
with troops for replacing Captain Hazards detachment
had been led to suppose Daraporum a Garrison &
they have expected to find cover and accommodation for
their men this however not being the case and not the
least cover or accommodation whatever being either here
or in any part of these countries they have been under
difficulty.

7 To make all as comfortable as possible
I have pitched my own tents but as there are now more men
than they can accommodate and a further detachment
under Lieut Moore is expected I have to submit their
situation to your consideration and to suggest to you the
expediency of the troops now here being equiped in the
same manner as the field detachment they are
meant to replace more particularly as they are liable
to sudden movements.

8 I have received the orders of Government to
send a proportion of my surplus collections to Tanjour
after arranging with the Resident. But I fear there
will be much difficulty in getting Guards that may be
competent to the safe conduct of such as I may be able
to send. Captn Grant at Dindigul being at present
under difficulty to find the necessary guards for my
Treasure and my Cucherree.

9 As much must depend on the assistance

I may be able to have afforded, I shall be much obliged by any information of the extent to which it may be given that so far as practicable every thing may be regulated accord-ingly.

Daraporum 24th February 1801

I have &c.
(signed) F.B. Hurdis
Collector.

William Petrie Esquire President &c. Members
Of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to enclose a bill of my Assistant Mr. Barclay for travelling charges certi-fied in the manner prescribed by your Secretary's letter of the 5th September 1800 for which I request your sanction.

2 Having received no orders relative to Mr. Barclays allowances I have to request that they may be specified to me for introduction in my accounts.

Daraporum 24th February 1801

I have &c.
(signed) F.B. Hurdis

Enclosure in the foregoing letter.

Travelling charges.

	Star Pags.	
16 Coolies at 2 Pagodas at each	32	
Batta for Do. paid of 18 days	6	18
13 Palankeen Boys	26	"
Batta for Do.	5	14
2 Bandies at 10 each	20	"
Star Pagodas	89	32

The above Sum (Eighty nine Star Pagodas and thirty two fanams I declare upon my honor to have expended in travelling to Dindigul.

(signed) A Barclay
Senr. Assistant.

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11 Additional Hungama sibbendy refferred to in Para 13

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John W Thursby Esqre Paymaster &ca Madura

Sir,

I have received your favor of the 24th Instant so soon as you have especially named to me your agent at Dindigul the advance of two Thousand Star Pagodas

[illegible] dated 25 [illegible]

shall be made to him as desired

I am &c.

Daraporum 26th Feby 1801 } Signed / S B Hurdis Collector

William Jones Esqr Sub Treasurer

Sir

The above Extract was the cause of my drawing the Bill for 13-4-15 on account of the Civil Fund in your favor

2 I have now the pleasure of enclosing another drawn as you have directed which I hope may prove right

I have &c.

Daraporum 27th Feby 1801 } Signed / S B Hurdis Collector

To Lieutenant Henry Smith Acting Fort Adjutant Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Bill on Vellaoa Naiques subsistance for the present Month the receipt of which I will thank you to acknowledge

I have &c.

Daraporum 2d March 1801 } Signed / S B Hurdis Collector

Lieutenant William Moore Commanding Columbum

Sir,

I have received your letter of date 5th Instant the quantity of sheep necessary will be supplied monthly not daily as the public servants have not time

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time and an insufficient for this duty, which does not belong to them

2 you have estimated three sheep per day as necessary I have to remark it is too more than ever before have been supplied as the sepoys are generally able to provide for themselves and no difficulty has ever occurred when supplies that they have wanted have been got from the weakly shundais by themselves or their families

3 I am sorry I cannot comply with your request of peons for carrying letters in any manner whatever

I am &ca

Darapornm 5th March 1801 } Signed/ T B Hurdis Collector

P.S. Major Innis in camp with 250 sepoys has not applied for any supplies of sheep whatever the sepoys providing themselves at the shundais

Robert Hughes Esqre late Paymaster

Sir

I have the pleasure of sending receipt for the price of the rice supplied the Detachment under Command of Lieutenant Colonel Innis so made out as to specify the Bazary price of the day which I hope will be satisfactory to you

I have &ca

Darapornm 5th March 1801 } Signed/ T B Hurdis Collector

John B Travers Esqre Secy to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor of sending the Demand Collection and Balance of the District under my management for February which when noticed by the Board I request may be handed to the accountant General.

I enclose register of Bills for the month of February - the returns of Troops I have not yet received from the different Commandants

I have &ca

Daraporam
5th March 1801 } Signed J B Hurdis
Collector

William Jones Esqre Sub Treasurer

Sir

I have the pleasure of enclosing Bill on the Board of Revenue in favor of the Trustees of the Civil Fund for star Pagodas 13 - 4 - 45 dated 1st February

I have &ca

Darapoor
5th March 1801 } Signed J B Hurdis
Collector

Cecil Smith Esqre Civil Auditor

Sir,

I have the pleasure of sending my account for February the Batta account tho' is not yet finished I would not delay them for it as I will hope to send it so soon as Copied and sent from Dindigul

I have &ca

Darapoor
5th March 1801 } Signed J B Hurdis
Collector

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William Petrie Esquire President &c Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen

I have the pleasure of informing your Board that the particular Geographical survey of the Districts of Dindigul carried on by the boys from the observatory, is with the exception of the Pollum of Verapatchy finished. I discharged the Lascars &c establishment on the 28th ultimo.

2 I hope to get the Pollum of Verupatchee done, as there is but little to finish it, but as it must depend on opportunity. I did not think it necessary to keep up the establishment.

3 The work will shortly be copied and every part sent to the Inspector, and I think it will afford a most satisfactory proof of the excellence of the institution.

4. I would wish with the approbation of your Board to retain these surveyors for the purpose of making Geographical survey of all the lately acquired country subject to my management the local knowledge that must be obtained from such survey will be infinitely more than compensated the expence and the advantage that must result from it are too obvious to need any further comment from me.

Daraporum
6th March 1801

I have &c
(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collector.

Lieutt Wm Moore Comg Columbum

Sir,

I have your letter dated 5th & 6th Instant, for the relief at Pillachee which you inform me you have sent as to day you would of course provide from Columbum. The party at Pillachee I recommend being ordered here as they belong to Caroor, and it may be well to keep all the Caroor people together to prevent

trouble

trouble to you and the officer, who may be in charge on arrival of the Caroor people here the party belonging to Columbum shall be sent back.

Daraporum
8th March 1801

I am Sir &c
(Signed) F.B. Hurdis
Collector.

Robert Woolf Esquire Accountant General.

Sir,

Herewith be pleased to receive my probable estimate to the 31st March which I hope will be found right.

Daraporum
10th March 1801

I have &c
(Signed) F.B. Hurdis.
Collector.

Cecil Smith Esquire Civil Auditor.

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor of sending the Batta account No 8 which should have accompanyed my accounts on the 5th

2 Not being quite certain of the necessity of sending the duplicate bills of my payment to the Civil fund, at the same time that it occured you might wish for them I now enclose them for Novr, Decr, Jany & Febry and unless you think them unnecessary will continue them in future. I beg you will inform me what is to be collected on account of arrears for my assistant.

3 Your letter of the 2d I received the 8th Instant should mine of the 25th February not be sufficient.

I will be obliged by your further that I may if necessary make further application.

Daraporum
10th March 1801

I have &c
(Signed) F.B. Hurdis.
Collector.

Robert Woolf Esquire Accountant General.

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor of sending my accounts for February 1801.

Daraporum
10th March 1801

I have &c
(Signed) F.B. Hurdis
Collector.

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Stephen Lushington Esquire Collector.

Sir,

I transmit for your information copies of letters from the Carnecopoly sent from hence in charge of the cattle for Ceylon I beg you will be pleased to direct the Amildar of Paumban to whom they were sent to pass his receipt for the Bulls, Cows, and Calves in order that the Village people may return and my accounts be adjusted.

Darapore
11th March 1801

I have &c.
(Signed) T.B. Hurdis
Collector.

Lieutt Robert Macdonall Commanding Columbum.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr Collector Hurdis to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th Instant and to request that the Prisoner confined by him at Coimbatore for the Murder of a Ryot on the south side of the Noel, may be delivered to the bearers of this letter, the peons of the Tasildar of Sheddapollum who has been directed to receive charge of the deliquent by which you will be relived from all further trouble.

Daraporum
13th March 1801

I have &c.
(Signed) A Barclay
Junr Assistant.

Lieutt Coll Dyce Commanding Madura

Sir,

I am favored with your letter of the 12th and will be obliged by your enquiring in what Village of Ammanaig Pollam the affair with the Tappal Peon happened as I do not understand that the Rahjadany of the Poligar, is the place tho it has some time that name given to it. the general obedince of the Poligar is also against the Report of such an outrage having happened so near to him.

I am much obliged by the trouble you had to give me the account of the accident to the people sent in charge of the herds for Ceylon. I do not apprehend this sort of attack could happen without the convenience of the China Murdoo.

Daraporum
14th March 1801

I have &c.
(Signed) T.B. Hurdis
Collector.

William Petrie Esquire President &c. members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

Since the address I had the honor of sending to your Board of the 21st February. I have, from the unquiet state of the district, found it necessary to increase the Sibbendy in the several undermentioned districts, Vizt.

	Duffadars	Peons
at Shedapollum	3	75
Allagoomala	1	25
Yerecottah	2	66

the orders for which I sent on the 9th Instant.

2 I have received the orders of your Board dated the 22d Ulto and I beg leave to assure your Board that I will use the power granted to me in the manner that may be most consistent with the public good the return of the Detachment will, I hope, be the means of lessening this expence which shall be incurred no longer than absolute necessity appears to induce it.

3 My Jummabundy will be sent in a few days the western Poligars who absconded and have not yet been settled with, will be entered as last year and if ultimately any difference should appear a seperate statement shall show the cause of it. I have great pleasure in acquainting your Board that the 1st kist of those Poligars who remained and were settled with was sent by all some days before it was due, and I have every reason from present appearance to think all are perfectly satisfied.

4 I beg to know if the order respecting advances to the Commercial Department as entered in Mr Secretary Buchans letter of the 9th Ultimo applies to the advance

to

to be made to Mr Campbell on account of his contract I have not made any advance for March nor shall I until I receive an answer to this letter which I beg leave to request may be sent as soon as possible or that Gentleman's project may be materially arranged.

Camp
Pylney
15th March
1801

I have &c
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Statement sent to Board under date 21st February 1801.
Additional Hungama Sibbendy ordered in support of the Tahseeldars.

	Jemedar	Duffedar	Peons
Pulladum	..	2	50.
Darapoor	1	2	50
Alagoomalli	..	1	25
Pylney	..	2	50.
Referred to in Para 13 of letter of 21st Febry.	1	7	175.

	monthly pay each
The Jemidar at four Star Pagodas	4
Daffadar at two Star Pagods	14
Peons at one Star Pagodas	175

Total Star Pagodas 193.

Total monthly expence one hundred and ninety three Star Pagods.

NB The detail at Darapoor having a Jemidar is because there are of the old Hungama Sibbendy besides that now required an equal detail of Daffadars & Peons so that with this addition, the Darapoor party is 1-4-100.

Darapoor
11th February
1801

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

		Daffedars.	
9th March	Shedapallum	3	75
Application sent to the Board	Allagomalla.	1	25
15th March	Yeracotta	2	60.

party the

party at Shedapallum, ordered because no assistance

can

can be drawn from Coimbatore and because the Cotum on the borders of the Shedapallum and Pabadum Talook is incessa=-sing since the 6th of Vahecandaporum.

Yeracottah is threatened by the Comar the Jemi=dar of Peons who was stationed there was ordered to complete his original number to protect that part of the country and to cover the supplies for the Detachment.

Allagomalli has been strengthened by one daffer in consequence of the disposition for result shewed by the same of the chief Govoor

Lieut Macdowal &c Coimbatore

Sir,

The Peons of my Talook Cacharies have brought several letters from Coimbatore to Major Innes from you in future I have to beg you will send all letters by public Tappal, Via Caroor to that officer or to his detachment at Dindigul.

A small bag of money arrived here last night. I have to desire that in future you will never require any peons whatever to receive or convey any sum small as they are ordered not to take it.

Camp Pylney
17th March 1801.

I am Sir, &c
(signed) T.B. Hurdis.
Collector

Stephen Lushington Esquire &c

Sir,

From the accident that happened to the people sent with the herds for Ceylon, on their return the receipts for the cattle were plundered.

2. I beg you will direct your Amildar to send me receipts in duplicate by the Tappal that they may accompany the accounts for this month.

Camp Pylney
17th March
1801

I have &c
(signed) T.B. Hurdis
Collector

William

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William Petrie Esquire President & Members of
the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen.

I have the honor of informing your Board that Veroopatchee was attacked at 3 a.m. on the morning of the 21st. that place Carrovundelli, and Culdilli, Combees, were carried completely about 10 o'Clock with-out the loss of a man on the attacking party.

2 According to the orders of Government dated the 5th January I have assumed the Pollum and made every arrangements in my power for bringing it into re-gularity, but the chief Ryots, Curnams, accounts and every thing whence information could be derived have been in every place either carried away or distroyed the ryot with their families are yet with the Poligar.

3 I beg the sanction of your Board for the em-ployment of as many Coolies as can be procured for the complete demolition of the lines of defencer of the Combies. The work are every where most astonishingly strong.

4 Independant of the propriety of destroying these works to prevent their ever being again adverse to us. it is in my opinion a matter of necessity in order to strengthen the small detachment, since every post that is taken must if not destroyed be retained and the troops taken for this service will so much weaken the de-tachment as to render future success very doubtful.

5. I enclose a Moyenzabitah for the Cucherree in this Pollum for the present, the Sebbendy shall be re-duced as opportunity may admit of it, and so soon as I have a little respect from my present business of sending on supplies I will transmit to your Board a more particular account of the business in progress.

I have &c
(Signed) T. K. Hurdis
Collector

Camp Veropatchy
23d. March 1801 2 o'Clock.

Mayenzabeta for the late Pollum of Verospatchee.

				monthly pay
Taseeldar	Cauder Cawn		star Pagods	20.
Sheristadar	Kistna Row			10
Three Gomastahs	Annajee Row	5		
	Venkapa	5		14
	Jogyeah	4		
Roysum	Rungiah			3
Shroff				2
Sadarwar				2
Sibbendy	Jemidars 2 at 4 Pagodas	8		
	Deffedar 8 at 2 Do.	16		224
	Peons 200 at 1 Do.	200		
				275

Should the Pollum bee settled two deffadars & 50 peons will bee a sufficient sebbendy, but until regularity is established the above sebbendy is recommended to be kept up.

Camp Verospatchee
19th March 1801

(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collector

William Petrie Esquire President &c. Members
of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor of sending an account particular of the cost of cattle for the Ceylon Government.

2 The charge of the additional payment (Vide A) was in consequence of the party who received the amount being attacked and plundered on their return from Tonitory in the Chinna Murdoor Village Parmagoody in which one peon was killed, and eight severely wounded. I trust this disbursements will be allowed and that your Board will be displeased to allow a further present of two rupees to each of the sufferers as they were shipped of every thing they had.

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3 I beg sanction to enter these charges in my accounts for March

Camp Verospatchee }
23d March 1801 }

I have &c
(Signed) F. B. Hurdis
Collector

Stephen Lushington Esquire &c

Sir,

I enclose copy of letter just received from the Tahseeldar of Nuttum. I request you will be pleased to take such measures as may appear best to you to stop the Chinna Mardoor irregularity as the whole of the bad conduct of the Mellore Collerees originates with him. Lauchia Naig is under his protection and was a few days since at Bonapoor near Peramalli at which place there is a considerable Costum of banditti.

Camp Verospatchee }
27th March 1801 }

I have &c
(Signed) F. B. Hurdis
Collector.

P. S. The Cachacatty Poligar's conduct is openly rebellious. He has collected a Cutum of Collerees from Mellore with which he is harrassing both the Ryots of Nutum and of Amanaig Pollum. I request your orders may be sent to him to prevent his perseverence in such conduct.

(Signed) F. B. Hurdis

To the President &c Members of the Commission of Malabar.

Gentlemen

The escape of Tremala Chinna Coopala naigue late Poligar of Verospatchee from the troops of the Honoble Company sent against him being likely to cause much trouble and it being supposed that he will endeavour to get to a place called the Colarcotta in South Malabar to Kistna Pundarum who it is said intend giving him an asylum. I have to request the

favor

favor of your Board to issue such directions as in the event of the Poligar taking that route may cause his apprehension.

I beg leave to state that the seizing this Poligar is a matter of the first moment and that his disposition to intrigue is such as to endanger the safety of any part of the Country to which he may fly.

Camp Verspatchee
28th March 1801

I have &c
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collector

Thomas Warden Esquire Collector Paulghautcherry.

Sir,

I beg you will be pleased to forward the enclosed letter to the Commissioners at Calicut.

2 I have sent it open to you that you may act on the requisition therein contained should the Poligar be within your reach.

Camp Verspatchee
28th March 1801

I have &c
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collector

Stephen Lushington Esquire &c

Sir

I send you more news from the Chinna Murdoor. You will be able to judge of the truth of it.

Camp Verospatchee
28th March

I have &c
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collector

William Jones Esquire Sub Treasurer &c

Sir,

I enclose bill by Mr Edward Campbell on the Board of Trade for Star Pagodas five thousand dated 1st March in favor of Revenue.

Camp Verspatchee
March 30th 1801

I have &c
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collector

William Petrie Esquire President &c Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

It is with great regret that I report to your Board the death of my assistant Mr Barclay

which

which took place at Daraporum Yesterday after a very few days illness. His conduct and great application during the short time he was with me gave every hope of his becoming a most useful servant of the Government.

Mr Staff Surgeon Inglis had the goodness after the Detachment came from the Veropatchee Hills to go to Daraporum but the disease had made such progress as to distroy him ere the Surgeon could arrive.

I take this opportunity again to express my wish that some assistant Surgeon may be appointed to my Districts unless by accident I am generally from forty four to fifty miles from any Medical assistance.

Should however your Board see an impossibility of acceding to this request I venture to beg that Government may be requested to direct the Surgeons of Coimbatore, Erroad or Dindigul to attend my requisition according to the situation with respect to distance from each station I may be in at the time of calling for assistance. But especially the Surgeons of Erroad and Coimbatore.

I have &c.
(signed) F.R. Hurdis.
Collector.

Camp near
Veroopatchee
30th March 1801

Lieut Molton of the 2d Battalion 13th Regt

Sir

Herewith you will be pleased to receive prisoners according to the undermentioned list to be conveyed to the officer commanding Dindigul.

Moottoo Veerah Sheroogar's son — Vengana.
Do — Do Mother — Nellatunga.
Do — Do Brotherinlaw — Vellien
Do — Do Sisters son — Ramah.
Velliens woman Chinnama with her three children.
Obee a slave the daughter of the Veropatchee Poligar
Coopama

Coopama and two slaves Venkatty and Aelaudee, Malli-
-boma a principal murderer.

It is of great moment that the most parti-
-cular care should be taken of these prisoners, and that the
utmost practicable expedition should be used to get
them unto Dindigul.

Besides the above mentioned prisoners are two
deserters named Ramalingum and Ramasawmy
which you will deliver over as such to the officer Comm^g
Dindigul, they formerly belonged to Leeu^t Col^l Oliver's
Battalion.

Camp
Chattrapet
2^d April 1801

I am &c.
(signed) T.B. Hurdis
Collector.

P.S. The two deserters from Colonel Olivers
Battalion being in the regimental guard of the 2^d 13th
are not sent.

(signed) T.B.H.

Stephen Lushington Esquire &c.

Sir,

I send enclosed more news from the Chinna
Mardoo's Country, which may throw lights on what
you may get from other quarters.

2^d April 1801.

I have &c.
(signed) T.B. Hurdis
Collector.

Captain R.M. Grant, Comm^g Dindigul.

Sir,

Leeu^t Molton will deliver to your charge
prisoners according to the list with him, of which
I request you will take charge and place them in the
utmost security.

2 The allowance for their subsistance
will be made daily as to other prisoners, unless
you wish to point out any other mode of giving it.

Camp Chattraputty
April 2^d 1801

I have &c.
(signed) T.B. Hurdis
Collector.

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To Captain R. M. Grant Comm.g Dindigul.

Sir,

As the deputy Peshcar of my Cucherree Mohummud Ibraham, has received my orders for delivering to your charge any of the Veropatchee Poligar's adherents that may be taken, I beg the favor of you to receive them.

2 It is most likely a woman by name Puducka will be among some taken in Ramgherry and who will be sent to Dindigul. I have to beg the favor of you to pay particular attention to her security. As I have reason to beleive her influence and that of her relations was the chief cause of the disobedience and contumacy of Coopala naigue.

Camp Chattraputty
3d April 1801.

I have &c.
(signed). T. B. Hurdis.
Collector.

Lieut. H. F. Smith acting fort Adjutant
Trichinopoly.

Sir,

Enclosed I transmit bill on Narsimma Chetty for thirty Star Pagodas subsistance for Vellaida naigue for the current Month. I beg the favor of you of a receipt to be sent to Dindigul.

Camp
3d April 1801

I am &c.
signed T. B. Hurdis
Collector.

William Petrie Esquire President &c. Members
of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen.

Herewith I have the honor of sending my Jummabundy for Fusly 1210 on the aggregate

higher

higher than for last year.

2 I send also a detail of the Pollum in which those entered with the letters from A to M enclusive have not this year been settled with inconsequence of their rebellion should any alteration of their Jumma be made it shall be entered and rectified in the Extra Revenue.

3 I will send my report as soon as possible but my time is wholly taken up in enquiry into the collections of this Pollum. I am happy to say all is as yet going on well; many of the chief Poligars are taken, and the eldest daughter of the Poligar. His route is also ascertained and I hope he will shortly be taken, yet the open assistance afforded by Delli, Mungalum, Periaputty, Chencovody, &c Jelliputty and Somundory, leave little room to doubt but that they will be involved in the ruin and fall of Verospatchee.

4 Their intention is reported to be firm resistance to authority and the complete distruction of the country by fire. which latter I fear they may in some degree be able to effect but which every exertion shall be used to prevent.

Camp Chattraputty
3d April 1801.

I have &c
(signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector.

Lieutt Colonel James Innes
Commg Detachment.

Sir,

Since the troops under your command possessed

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possessed the combies of Cooplanaigue, it has been my particular endeavour to ascertain the route of his flight and the place in which he has been concealed.

2 The former was through the hills to Manaputty of Delli where he was met by Adul naigue and conducted to the Rajadany and there joined by the Poligars of Mungalum, Periaputty, Chenchode, Jelliputty Tondamattoor and Tomundory notwithstanding those Poligars had each received the proclamation respecting him.

3 In furtherance to Colapa naigue those Poligars have collected not only their Peons but every inhabitants of their Pollums to resist authority and with intention of desolating the country by fire in which determination it is said they have been confirmed by the advice of Moottoo Veerah Predaun of Coopala naigue.

4 The Pollums to the westward are completely deserted in consequence of the threats of the Poligars towards their respective Ryot the families of the chief Gours are all sent by the Poligars into the Hills.

5 The other Poligars who absconded from Daraporum Viz Matraudy, Vadaputty, Jotenputty, Tongavey, Mivaudy and Devolputty do not as yet appear to have joined in this confideracy and I have hopes that they will come in on the Cowles they have received

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6 Their submission, however, and the peace of the country depends wholly on the further progress of the detachment against those in actual rebellion and in direct connexion with Coopala naigue. I have therefore to request the assistance of your detachment to bring these adherents of Coopala naigue under the Civil authority to the utmost extent that the instructions you have from Government may admit of.

I have &c.

(signed) F. B. Hurdis
Collector.

Camp
April 3d 1801

Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

I beg leave to transmit for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in council copy of letter to Lieut Colonel James Innes.

2 The western Pollams are in a very unpleasant state of great disorder, and nothing but following up the success. The judicious and able conduct of Lieutt Colonel Innes has been crowned with, can in my opinion crush the rebellion the systimatic treachery of Veropatchee has so industriously planned.

3 I have the honor of sending a list of the persons belonging to Veroopatchee who have been seized the principal of whom Candara Monigar formerly his Vakeel at my Cucherree has confirmed almost every report of every act of treachery disobedience and murder that I had the honor of sending to you.

4 It appears by this means comcation that the Chinna Murdoor, Pandalumcourchee, Veropatchee

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and Delli have been long confiderated against the Sirkar authority with determination to act on the first opportunity or on their receiving assistance which had been promised both by the late Sultan and Dhondiah but that being disappointed. These of the principals kept the appearance of obedience.

5 These cheeftains depended solely on their influence over the lesser Poligars for any assistance in their rebellion they might derive from them as I do not find any other of Dindigul, Shakragherry, Anamalli, or Manapara Poligars so circumstantially mentioned as to fix any thing on any one of them as directors.

6 The correspondence between Veroopatchee and Omeah and Shevalumbee of Pandalumcourchee was conducted by Veerana naigue and Woba naigue, the former fled from Pandalumcourchee in 1799 to Veropatchee.

7 The escape of the prisoners from Polumcottah appears to have been a conceited plan in aid of which Veroopatchee was to have sent peons but the detachment here[x] prevented him.

x between 23d. January & 10th. Febfruary

8 The Poligar of Delli promised to excite the Anamally Poligars to revolt and with their assistance to desolate all the western country, the principal men between him and Veropatchee were Wonterigar Codanramah and Naigumpillah; The Poligar of Delli has succeeded in detaching from their duty the six principal Poligars of Animalli and they are now in open rebellion.

Vide letter to Lt. Colonel Innes Para 2.

9 The correspondence between the [illegible]
and Verspatchee was conducted by Stakee [illegible]
and between Sheroga the Murdoo promised [illegible]
horse appeared [illegible] this promise has reference only to the
consperacy in favor of Shondriah.

10 It appears however by other information that the Murdoo has sent considerable numbers to Pada-Cumcourchee and that he is just now existing the Mellore Collierees under Sadaputty Ambilgar a man of his own to plunder nuttum which has been partly effected. — Nader T[illegible] Sheroga[illegible]

11 Luckia Naigue who has had an Asylum in and near Barapoor a Pollum depending on the Murdoo has collected a numorous banditti in the Armagham a District near Dindigul belonging to the Nabob and threatens the north east Pollums of Dindigal.

12 This banditti I am informed was to have assisted Verspatchee but the success of the Detachment has for the present not only prevented their depredation but caused several× of the Poligars to seize and send in many fugitives. — ×Comarav[illegible] Ramgherr[illegible] Iyagoody[illegible]

13 The conduct of the Nabob's managers in giving an Asylum to Luckia Naigue and his banditti Government may perhaps be pleased to notice, post experience of it inutility prevents my writing to His Highness Amildars and the giving them the notice of the person after whom my people may be in search is in effect directing the immediate escape of the proscribed miscreants.

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14 His Highness' Sibbendy are very good and if there existed the least inclination in his people to prevent these irregular assemblies they are sufficiently strong to do it but where there is a participation of the plunder (which the Aneypoor Colleries have repeatedly declared always to be the case) little hope can exist of their making any efficient exertion to suppress them.

15 The +six western Poligars are in great force but I hope the exertions against them will subject them to obedience and confirm the fedelity of those yet +wavering towards the Sirkar.

+Vide Para 2 in letter to Col. Innes.

+Vide Para 5 Do. Do.

16 I am prepared to assume the Pollums of those in rebellion and I have reason to believe that the Sherogars and peons excepted every other inhabitant will rejoice at the charge of Masters.

17 I have great pleasure in noticing that the inhabitant of this Pollum have returned with their families to their different Villages and that the chief Sherogars alone are absent, the curnums of thirty three Villages with their accounts have come in and every thing at present promises well for a speedy settlement.

I have &c.
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis.
Collector.

Camp
4th April
1801.

List of the Sherogars &c. adherents of the late Poligar of Veroopatchee taken—

Cundum naigue taken in Cunnivady — This man was formerly Vakeel of Veroopatchee at Dindigul

	Dindigul. He is one of the chief Karigars of the Poligar and commanded in the Corumendalli on the attack of the 21st.
Ragoopathy Shergar taken in Ramgherry.	This man bears a good character and endeavoured to persuade Coopla naigue against murdering the Mussalmans. He fled to Ramgherry.
Ungana taken in Cunnevady.	Son of Mootoo Veera Predawn was in Vadacaudo on the 21st with the Poligar.
Velliah Do. Do.	Brotherinlaw of Mootoo Veera Predaun was in Vadacaudo on the 21st.
Ramah.	The son of Curpa Mootoo Veera sister was in Vadacaudo on the 21st.
Velliah's three children.	
Coopama taken in Pylney.	The eldest daughter of the Poligar from his wife Nagama. She is sister to the heir of the Pollum & has been married to the late Poligar of Nagamum.

At his death she wished to burn herself with the body, but her father soothed her by promising to make her adopted son to the Poligar of Nagamum which plan Veroopatchee attempted

secretly

secretly where the Poligars of the tour cast all save the present Poligar of Nagamum absconded from Daraparam.

Nullatunga taken in Cunnivody.	The Mother of Mootoo Veera Predaun.
Mulli Boma taken in Temmuchepet.	The murderer of three Lubbies in Dasserypet part of the reported thirteen Mussulmans.
Shashapa monigar confined at Ramghery not yet sent to the Cucherree.	This man is said to be the instigator of every thing bad by means of his sister Padauka who is a mistress of the Poligars.
Padaka ordered to be sent from Ramgherry to Dindigul.	The sister of Shashapa and favorite mistress of the Poligars

There were about 40 others of little note taken but released on promise of good behaviour and giving security for good conduct.

(signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector.

Taken since writing the above.

Perumaloo	Son of Comaravala Gour.
an infant.	D° D°
Davama	Wife of D° & Mother of the infant.
Velliama	Daughter of Mootoo Verah Predaun by Mottiama.

(signed) T. B. Hurdis.

Cecil Smith Esqr. Civil Auditor Fort St. George.

Sir,

Herewith be pleased to receive my account for the month of March 1801.

It

It does not occure to me that there is any thing new in these accounts that requires any other explanation

I have &c.
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collector

Camp Chuttraputty
April 5th 1801

William Jones Esqr Sub Treasurer
Fort St George

Sir,
Enclosed I transmit bill dated 1st March for Star Pagodas 13-4-45 on the Board of Revenue in favor of the Civil fund On account of

Sir &c.
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collector

Camp Chutraputty
April 5th 1801

J B Travers Esqr &c.

Sir,
I transmit herewith Demand collection and balance for March 1801 of the Districts under my management; & register of Bills for that month.

I am &c.
(signed) J B Hurdis.
Collector.

Camp
6th April
1801

Major James Innes &c. &c.

Sir,
According to the undermentioned list I beg to hand over to you prisoners of every material consequence which I have to request you will send to the Commanding Officer at Dindigul to be properly secured until the pleasure of Government be known respecting them.

From Lieutt Col. Innes Guard.

Condum Monigar.
Regupaty Monigar.
Shashapa Monigar.
Komarawel Gour son of Peromal
Caroopen
Venkaten.

From

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From the Cucherree Guard. Mooltama, Velliama a child of Mooltoo Veera Comarawell Gour's Wife Davama and a child Chelapa the Pacheloor Muntre Allagherry.

Nadapen a Murderer.

As the whole of the above list are either principals or relations of the principal followers of Verapatchee I am very anxious that they should be on the Rock of Dindigul in the utmost security.

I have &c.
(Signed) J B Hurdis
Collector

Camp
8th April
1801.

Robert Woolf Esqr. &c.

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor of sending my account for March 1801.

I am Sir, &c.
(Signed) J B Hurdis
Collector.

Camp
April
11th 1801.

Robert Woolf Esqr. &c.

Sir,

Herewith I have the pleasure of sending statement of probable Balance of Cash in hand on the 30th Instant.

I have &c.
(Signed) J B Hurdis
Collector.

Camp 11th April 1801

John Thursby Esqr. Paymaster &c. Madura.

Sir,

Your agent having received according to your Indent twenty three thousand Star Pagodas in Coins. I have to beg the Bills in triplicate for the amount and have further to request that in future the sending the Bills for the advances from my Treasury to your Department may never be delayed beyond the 10th of

of the current Month as it occasions great inconvenience.

Camp
12th April
1801.

I am &c.
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis.
Collector.

Edward Campbell Esqr. Nerroor.

Sir,

I enclose copy of letters just received from the Sub Treasurer and accountant General, whence it appears that the advance made to you on the 1st of March was irregular - notwithstanding in answer to my reference I was informed "as Mr. Campbell" has entered into a contract with Government for the supply of sugar in which advances are stipulated for - they are therefore to be made as before directed -

The set of Bills drawn on me in your favor for 10,095 S. Pagodas covers the amount of your bill dated 1st March and leaves a balance of 5095 S. Pagodas payable to you which shall be issued on your sending to the Dindigul Cucherree.

You will be pleased as before to note the coins you receive and the rate of exchange and in all future requisition for cash on account of your contract previously obtain the sanction of Bills from the Board of Trade for the advance.

Camp Delli
13th April 1801.

I have &c.
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis.
Collector.

Major Macaulay Resident at the Court of
Travencore.

Sir,

The bounds of the Dindigul province and of the Kingdom of Travencore join in many parts within the Mountains - but particularly with Poligars or Manardies of the Hills, who claim or pretend to claim the protection of the King of Travancore if any innovation be made that in their consideration may

eventually

eventually affect them.

2 The Rebel Coopal naigue formerly Poligar of Veerpatchee with other rebellious chief of Anamalli, Report says, have leagued with the Manarde of Angee-=naude who is to give them an asylum in the Mountains. I am not certain whether this man is tributary to Traven=core or to Cochin, but I request the favor of you to take such steps as may apprehend him & the rebellious chieftains with him should be proved to be dependant on Travencore.

3 The Manarde is also called the Poneyat.. Rajah As I have understood, it is probable that he may be known under that title rather than as Manarde of Aungenaud.

4 I shall be obliged by any information you may get on the subject. The other Rebels who have fled with Coopal naigue independant of his adherents are.

Yedul naigue Poligar	of "Delli"
Pyle naigue.	of Mungalum.
Naga naigue.	of Peercaputty.
Jumpi naigue	of Chenchode.
Yerrum naigue	of Jelliputty Tondamattoor.
Vainaveri Gour.	of Somundory.

The four first of these are under proscription but all should be apprehended if possible.

I have &c.
(signed) F. B. Hurdis
Collector.

Camp
15th April
1801.

William Jones Esqr Sub Treasurer &c.

Sir,
I have the honor of enclosing bill No. 66. for Star Pagodas twenty thousand and Bill No. 67 for Star Pagodas three thousand both dated 11th April by the

Madura.

Madura Paymaster on the Military Paymaster General
in favor of Revenue.

Camp Delli
17th April 1801

I have &c.
(signed) T B Hurdis
Collector.

Lieut. Col. James Innes &c.

Sir,

I have the pleasure of sending you herewith grant for the land held by you according to survey — annexed to the Grant and to beg that the sum of the quit rent Viz. Str. Pagodas 14 - 32 - 57 (fams. cash) may be regularly paid on the eighteenth day of octr. next ensuing and yearly on the same date for the unexpired part of the lease.

2 I enclose you bill of the Collector of quit rent for Str. Pagodas 15 - - for charges therein expressed and have to request payment thereof may be made at the Cucherree.

Camp Delli
17th April 1801

I have &c.
(signed) T B Hurdis
Collector.

Robert Woolf Esqr.
Accountant General

Sir,

Herewith I have the pleasure of sending the account particulars of the cattle purchased for the Government of Ceylon. This was to have been sent on the 23d ultimo under which date the account was sent to the Board of Revenue. But it was mislaid and the hurry of other business prevented my recollection of the omission until Mr. Deputy Reads letter of the 14th Instant this moment received reminded me of it.

Camp
Jellipatty
2d April
1801

I have &c.
(signed) T B Hurdis
Collector.

24th Oct

William

William Petrie Esquire President &c
Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I had the honor of mentioning the success of the Detachment under Lieut Col. Innes against Veropatchee on the 23d Ultimo and I am happy to say it was complete in the assumption of the Pollum by the 29th Ultimo.

2 I transmit copies of the proclamations of Lieut Col. Innes and myself to the different Villages of the Pollum and of my own proclamation to the Poligars of Dindigul, Manapara, Madura, and Annamally under my authority.

3 It perhaps may be assuming more than with propriety belongs to my duty if I attempt to appreciate the service of Lieut Col Innes in the reduction of this Pollum to the Civil authority but it would be unjust towards him did I withhold my testimony in favor of his very judicious conduct in every stage of the duty entrusted to him but most particularly in his attention to the safety of the Ryots which greatly facilitated my revenue arrangements for the Pollum.

4 In the accompanying abstract statement to which I beg leave to refer your Board I send the result of the investigation of the accounts hitherto received from the Curnums which although not so satisfactory as I could have wished, appear to me as regular as the system in the management of the Pollum admitted of. Vide No 1.

5 The Cusba of the Pollum Veropatchee had land wholly divided among the peons or run into a strong Cockspur thorn jungle. No accounts of it have been found

found. No Curnam has appeared and no inhabitants save the Buckals (bazar men) have returned. There is no cultivation on the ground and whatever produce may have been this year has been carried away by the different land holders.

6 The Curnams of the Villages avowed their Knowledge extended only to the lands under cultivation according to Fusly 1209 and prove those accounts in the Punjah and Nunjah lands of each Village× entered. They say no accounts exist of the total quantity of land in the Pollum, that the custom of the Poligar was to mark the progress of cultivation yearly and to levy the rent arbitrarily on the increase as declared by the Nattumgars and Curnams. × Column Vide A in No. 1.

7 The Nunjah cultivation was exclusively with the Poligar and his family. No accounts of the quantity quality or value of the land exists with any Curnam whatever save his own immediate Monicopoly the quantity entered in this abstract is from the information of the Nattamcars and the remaining part of the crops on the manyum lands not yet ripe will form part of the Extra Revenue after being cut, collected & sold.

8 The Enam land which is particularly detailed in a second abstract and the land under the Poligars cultivation being deducted the remainder shew the cultivation of the Ryots and the rate of customary Teervah in every Village according to the Curnams account on the customary measurement of the Pollum the rope or Goonta in the contracts of which equal near

Vide abstract No. 2.

Vide C.
10 cubits length & breadth one Goonta.
400 Goontas one rope.

46 85

near 9000 square feet.

9 The comparison of the rate of rent in this
Pollum and the other Districts I shall defer dis-
cussing as the arbitrary imports of the Poligar al-
ways compensated any loss he might sustain from
underrenting the lands of his Pollum and have pro-
bably laid on with the view to deceive if any inves-
-tigation from the Sirkar took place.

10 The Money collection according to the lands
[Vide D.] entered in the abstract appears as usual with excep-
tion of those Taxes I have distinguished as arbi-
[Vide E.] trary imposts the Head of each explains itself
and each shows, if not, for the reason explained
in the preceding Paragraph, that not any ways
and means were left untried by the Poligar to
raise Money.

11 The increased collection made by the Poligar
[Vide F.] on the Village against which the sums are entered
appears to be from an increase of cultivation and
not an arbitrary collection.

[Vide G.] 12 The total of the preceding Items formed
[H.] the Jummah, according to the Curnams accounts
[I.] and the subscribed deductions therefrom are credi-
-ted the Ryots as collections made by the Poligar
from the different Villages. The remainder is the
amount due to the Sircar from each respectively.

13 From this balance however on settling
[Vide K.] with the Ryots it became necessary to make
a trifling deduction. The Ryots stated the

hardships

hardship of the arbitrary imports, and although I felt aware of the livelihood of the deceit I have before mentioned I found I could not explain my-self to them without creating in their minds doubts I wished not to exist. I therefore acquiesced with their moderate demands and gave up the several sums entered opposite the respective Villages, as deductions rather from the arbitrary imports than from their rent. I trust your Board will not object to this as the just and present object is to conciliate and the trifling sacrifice here made will in my opinion be amply compensated in the next years settlement.

14 The remainder after this deductions constitutes the Sirkar demand for the unexpired part of the present Fusly, and from thence a Kistbundy has been formed nearly ac-cording with the scale operating in the Sirkar lands and the collection has been made. The whole of which I submit the propriety of setting of against the balance due by the polliam on account of Fusly 1208 1209 & 1210. Vide Do.

15 In the abstract No 2 I have entered the lands of every discription in Enam & distinguished particularly by the deduction of discription from the aggregate, those which were the Shevedum or Service lands from such as were otherways attacked. Vide C. in abstract No 2

16 The assigned quantity of land to each Head is accord-ing to the Curnams informa-tion and their details are regular. The number of peons support-ed on the Shevedum lands of each Village were accord-ing to registers of the Enams

none

nine hundred and ninety two. This composed the Poligars constant force, his additional members were the Peons, he got from the south on monthly pay, and the general assembly of his Ryots who received their food daily in compensation for their service.

Vide C.

17 The detail of the 118 Kam 12 anas of Sheradum lands in Cummapatty is as follows.

	Kams	Fas
Shunmooga Manigar	12	"
Ibraham Cawn	3	"
Paper Cawn	3	"
Wontengar Curpen	3	12
Pechandy Sherogar	12	"
Peria Pichandy	3	"
Shummut Sherogar	6	"
The Defendants of the Sherogar 5 in number	15	"
Mooly & Cadan	6	"
Nachamootten	3	"
Soobramoney & his man	7	"
Comara Naig and his four followers	12	"
Colendavel	3	"
Comaren & his man	6	"
Raman	3	"
Mooltoo Coomaree	3	"
Peroomaul	3	"
Book [illegible] [illegible]	15	"
	118	12

18. The Village Sibbendy are comprised under

the Head Poligar Enams Vide A. the lesser land of chiller Enams, Vide B. I have retained seperate to show your Board its detail which has also been acquired from the Village of Cunnamputty and is as follows.

Sheshapa Moodaliar's choultry	3
The Poligars Mistress Raukee	20
The Wadwar Videlingumpillah	4
The dancing girl Monital	3
Caunial Gour of Mollyallum	3
Ruchtakunnikee, Nullatumby Gour & Micavella Gour	5
Poojary Goar Nattamecar of the Kieuls	3
Canica Polawer	6
Thelaner Ryot	3
Gooroocul	18

The amount of these Enams will in the next years be included in the regular settlement during this year nothing is likely to come from them as the holders all of whom have either absconded or been taken, had possessed themselves of all the produce and had ceased further cultivation, but from this distribution of land it is easy to perceive the Poligar's sourse of objection to an equitable increase of Revenue.

19 The plea that the produce of the Peons lands had been possessed by the peons and thence that they should not be included in the Government land of the Pollum. I admitted for the sake

of

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of distinction but I did not admit that these people should set rent free for the remainder of the year because they had enjoyed these Enaums from the Poligar. The accounts of the produce however could not be found and I was under the necessity of fixing the value of the lands possessed by the Peons according to the best information.

...e Column ...in No. 2-

20 This I did with a very trifling variation according to the value of the land of the respective Villages in which the Enaums were situated. and as I had no accounts to act on I determined on crediting these lands a fair and favorable proportion of the Jumma and that they should pay the remainder on the value of the settlement due by them to the Circar.

21 Proceeding on this principle and to avoid all cause of complaint on their side as well as to conciliate them to the change. Having made the Jumma I deducted 75 per cent or 12 ans as what might have been their collection and debited the remaining 25 percent or four anas as their value to the Cirkar which on a comparison with the general Revenue of the Districts was giving them an indulgence of 5 per cent less than was due for the remainder of the year.

...E & F1. No. 2

22 An objection might be stated to this mode of treating those who were kept to oppose the Sirkar and who it may be thought had received and used the produce of the Enaums and thence might be able to pay a greater proportion of the

Jummah

Jummah than the demand which had been fixed.

23 To this I have to say that from information the produce of these lands did not wholly come to them a great portion was stored as supplies and was lost in the defeat of the Poligar. Hence from what they did depend upon they derived nothing. 2dly that my object was to conciliate rather than to bear hard. The assessment now made is easy and they must be employed to realize it, and a fee added to which I cannot but think that the greater part of those people tho' apparently living on the Bounty of the Poligar were and use where their services were directly wanted almost equally assessed with the other Ryots of the Pollum.

24 Thus your Board are conscious & informed of what I have done and my reasons. The total Jummabundy of this Pollum appears thus.

	Jummah	Amount admitted to the Ryots & peons credit	Sirkar demand.
Iyen G	17916-1-9-	136805-1½ #K	4235-6-7½ L No. 1
D.	6131-1-15½	4598-4-½ E.	1532-7-15. F No. 2
	24047-3-8½	18278-9-2-	5768-4-6½-
Sayer			200-
			5968-4 6½.

The amount entered here for the Sayer is I believe a fair proportion for that branch of Revenue for the present season. I have rented it on the customary Zabita and if any improprieties are discovered they will be rectified in the next year's settlement.

25 I have the pleasure of further inform-

-ing you

Coopal Naig
Shungalum
Delli Peria=
=putty, Ton=
=damattoor,
Jellipatty
&
Somandari
Chechovody

ing your Board that after a very hard struggle on the 13th Lieut Col. Innes made himself master of every country belonging to Yedul Naig of Delli, the usual summons and cowle proceeded the attack which were evasively refused — the confiderated Poligars were all in the battle, and were taught a severe lesson for their silly and unjustifiable conduct towards the Circar.

26th — Jellipatty, Tondamattoor was attacked on the 28th with the same success. The enemy driven to the Mountains, Andiama, the two wives, ten children, and the mother of Delli were taken. The Mother of the wife of Mungalum, Verapatchee's wife and his daughter; Mootoo Veera Predaun's wife & children, Tumbad Shergar's wife and many of lesser note have been taken and sent to Dindigul.

27 — The Pollums assumed from the rebels ex=clusive of Verapatchee are Delli, Mongalum Periaputty, Jellipatty, Tondamattoor, Chenchody and Somandory. The Natumcars and Ryots of all have received Cowle. Their accounts of all will be finished within twelve days and I have every reason to hope I may be able to give your Board a satisfactory account.

28 — Of the Poligars who absconded from Daraporum, Tongoney, Mivaudy, Metranty, Avalputty, Jotenputty & Vadaputty have return=ed to their obedience and are now with me I have ordered their Kist to be sent as last year until I have settled their accounts as agreed on before their leaving Daraporum when all differences

will

will be adjusted and I hope notwithstanding every difficulty that the end of the Fusly year will exhibit a clear and satisfactory collection.

29 I beg sanction of your Board for the accompanying Moyentzabita for the Pollums under assumption. I mean to throw the whole under one Tahseeldar so soon as I have got the information I want and which I cannot quickly acquire without the assistance I have mentioned. A great part of the Hungama Sib-bendy will come into the establishment so that the increase expense will not in reality be so great as it appears; and I trust your Board will believe my repeated assurances of every oeconomy consisting with propriety.

30. The success of this detachment has been great and to the moderate and proper conduct of Lieut Col Innes and his officers is to be attributed greatly the confidence of the Ryots. The personal property of one Poligar may not perhaps be an object of desire nor will the united personals of the prescribed rebels be of any great value, but such as it may be that is discovered and brought to account by the Sirkar servants previous to the 1st July. I beg leave with the greatest respect to suggest that I may be directed to make it over to the Commanding Officer for the use of the Detachment.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect Gentlemen &c

Jellipatty Camp 26th April 1801

Sent

Sent with letter 26th
Moyenzabita for Delli.

Arrangement of the assumed Pollums.		Pagodas
	One Tasceldar	20
	Seristadar	10
Delli	3 Gomastahs	15
Chenchody	Roysum	3
Jettiputty	Shroff	2
Toodamattoor	Gollah	1½
	2 Jemidars at 4 each	8
	8 Daffadars at 1½ each	12
	200 Peons at 1 each	200
		271½

Moyenzabita for Mungalum

Arrangement of the assumed Pollums.		
	Tasceldar	15
	Seristhadar	8
Mungalum	3 Gomastahs	14
Periaputty	Roysum	3
	Shroff	2
	Gollah	1½
	1 Jemidar	4
Somundory joined to Pillachee	3 Deffedars	4½
	75 Peons at one each	75
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These establishments are required at present and will be necessary until the country is completely quiet, when a very considerable reduction will be made so as to proportionate the whole to the Revenue collected by the other Talook Cacherees.

13th April 1801.

William

William Petrie Esqr. President &c Members
of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

In reply to the orders of your Board under date 20th Instant I have to say that no Treasure has as yet been remitted by me to Tanjore from the impossibility of procuring an escort.

2 Bills on the Presidency are not procurable here or in any place to the southward for large sums.

3 I have now in my cash chests at Dindigul in coins of the currency of the Canatee one lac & an half of Star Pagodas and as soon as the Talook invoices of the present Kist are shroffed that sum will be much added to. So soon as a Guard of sufficient strength is procurable either that sum or parts of it shall be sent as directed but at present the want of troops is so great that my cash chest is kept in the lower fort because these Guard for the Cucherree at Dindigul could not be supplied from the Garrison.

Camp Jellipatty April 27th 1801

I have &c
(Signed) J B Hurdis
Collector

Captain Grant Commt. Dindigul.

Sir, As I expect some prisoners of great consequence from Nellacotta relations of the chief adherents of Veropatchee I request you will receive all that may come in from my Naib Peishcaur Mohumud Ibrahaim and lodge them in the most secure place possible and put

them

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them in Irons.

I have &c.
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collector.

Camp 29th April 1801.

Edward Campbell Esqr. &c Negoor.

Sir,

Enclosed I have the pleasure of sending copy of your Shroff's receipt for the balance of the bill drawn on me by Mr. Secretary Buchan.

2 I request you will forward the other two of the set to me specifying the coins you received for the amount of the Bill into &c. and the exchange at which they were issued to you.

3 I have to beg you will send these bills as soon as possible as my accounts must be sent to Madras on the 5th and they are vouchers to the disbursements

4 I enclose extract of letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue on the subject of advances for the cane cultivation. I have directed the Taseeldar to send me the lists of those to whom the advances are to be made which when received shall be duly attended to.

I have &c.
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collector.

Camp Jellipatty 30th April 1801.

William Petrie Esqr. President &c Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

The instructions of Government to Lieut. Col. Innes respecting the rebellious Poligars made it a necessary step for me to sequestre their

Pollums.

Pollums, as the successful progress of the Detach-
-ment admitted of the measure without waiting
an answer to any reference on the subject to
your Board.

2 Necessary as the reference was I trust
your Board will forgive my omission. I have
been most busily employed but as all my ar-
-rangements were made and the preservation of
the remainder of the Revenue of those Pollums
demanded my first attention and as I conceive
it a matter of duty whether I had received
the sanction of your Board for the measure or not
I made the assumptions as Lieut Col. Innes made
his proscriptions and I have the satisfaction of
reporting to your Board that the settlement of
all assumed is nearly completed and every thing
wears the appearance of tranquillity.

3 I am induced thus to apologize to
your Board as on reference to my report on Ve-
-ropatchee (Para 27) I find I have neglected
to assign any reason for the assumption of those
Pollums therein named which was the positive
rebellion of all therein named by sending both
secretly and openly with Coopala Naigue of
Veroopatchee and opposing by force of arms
the Company's Cirkar.

4 I enclose a detailed list of the
chief captures whence your Board will perhaps
conceive a tolerably efficient security is al-
ready obtained for the future conduct of the
dispossessed

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dispossessed Poligars.

5 I have enclosed for the approbation and sanction of your Board a statement of allowances for the respective families taken. The Peons and others I conceive are sufficiently taken care of and provided for by the customary pension batta.

6 I also beg leave to recommend that I may be authorized to give a reward of two company's Rupees for every matchlock brought in either by Ryots Camp followers or any other discription of people. It will encourage all to search for the members throw away by the fugitive Poligars and be a sure way of reducing their means of violence.

Camp Jellipatty 29th April 1801

I have &c.
(signed) T.B. Hurdis
Collector.

List of Prisoners.

Veroopatchee People

Coopalanaigues wife Ramunge Ama 70 years of age the Put wife

Moottoo Velliah the eldest son of Veroopatchees wife

Perama with a daughter about 1 months old, 20 years old ---

Manigum 40 years old - - - - - - -

The mother of the wife of Pylnaigue Poligar of Mungalum

The daughter of Shuncaren Shervgar of Periacottah

The Mother of Perama

4 People of Veroopatchee.

Velli

Delli People.

Ande Ama.	The wife of Moottoo-maliandy formerly Poligar of Delli and directress of the Pollam.
Tonama 45 years old.	The present Poligars mother the wife of Woba naigue of Rajhadany.
Ponama aged 30.	The wife of Venkatapatthy naigue Poligar of Delli whom Tippoo carried away and put to death the daughter of the late Poligar of Chenchody.
Appama aged 18.	The daughter of Ponama.
Cautama aged 30 one child 3 years old.	The first wife of the present Poligar of Delli daughter of Sungaroo Sherogar of Rajhabany.
Leechoomy Ama aged 18 one child 10 months old.	The daughter of Tengaray Poligar. 2d wife of Delli Poligar
Appama aged 20, a girl five years old	The sister of the present Poligar.

Jellipootty People.

Ande Ama aged 30 years a girl 10 years old.	The wife of the former Poligar Ramlingum

Malliandy

	Mullyandy Naig - The sister of Allaguandy of Mivandy
Ponama aged 20. A slave girl named Ande Ama	The second wife of the said Poligar; sister of the former wife Ande Ama
Cumbal Ama 1st aged 25 years. One child a boy 5 years named Venkatapaty Naique	The daughter of the Sera Naig of Jellipatty.
Venkat Ama 2d aged 20 - One boy four years named Coopaiah	The sister of the present Poligar of Chenchoady.
Andiama 3d aged 22 years. One son named Lingana aged 3 years -	The daughter of her husbands uncle

The above three are the wives of the Jellipatty Poligar.

Paupama Naugama Anmacha	These slaves of the house

13 People of Jellipatty

Somandary People

Nalla Ama aged 30	The former Poligar Moocheda Andy Gour's wife
Cola Ama aged 20. One boy 3 years old called Nullandy Gour	The present Poligar Amanandy Gour's wife the daughter of Roy Gour of Gunga Polkum

3 Souls of Jellipatty.

Vencalyah

Venkatyah	the Dellikurta of Delli
Dasarry naig Gollah	
Kichigan Sherogar.	Of Kistnapoor.
Cauman a talier Juckan Dholy coolan	Taken at Coodungiem.
Verameena.	The Somandory Goui's son in law.
Venkata.	Yenum naigue's wife's Brother.
Boma	Venkata's wife's Brother.
Wonterigar's Paupa Mootoo Curpa	Jellipatty dependants.
Moka naig Sherogar	Of Bodapatty.
Peons three. { Naugaun. Coopa. Chinna.	Of Bodapatty.
Peons { Laingum naigue Numbi Dassun.	Of Kistnapoor
Comaren Peon	Of Vellumpollum.

Veropatchee Men.

Shunkarlingum Maravar	A servant of Veropatchee from Paunjal Courchee under Veeranun Sherogar.
Mootoo Pachee	Wife of Shunkarlingum
Dholey Kaurpa.	of Coingaray.

Venkatnaigue

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Venkatnaigue Shergar and five Peons. Of Ondimolcotta.

Pedda Boma naigue

Chinna Bome naigue

Hunemont Rojah

Children

Shungaren Callade Shergar and three Peons. Of Veropatchee Cusba

Vellien

Curpen

Chinnatyen

Taken by Iyagody { Tinnrajah, Custory Rojah, Paupan, Perumun } of Periacottah, of Veropatchee; of Archivaputty

Taken by Nuttur Cawn and as yet at Nellacottah, but ordered to Dindigul.

Venkut Ama. Moottoo Veera Shergar Predaun of Veropatchee's wife.

Varagherry } Vangaroo } The son and the son's wife of Moottooveerah.

Munnapa Moodly. The father of Tinnachy Moodly the Vakeel to Dhondiah.

Vadawe. The wife of Tinnachy Moodly

Mootama. The sister of Ditto.

Mootien The son of Tinachy Moodly

Nagga

Naggaraigue	Poligar of Periaputty.
Rungah.	Wooligar of D:
Sumnad Sherogar	The son of old Mootoo Sherogar commonly called the Predaun of Pylney one of the chief agent of Veropatchee.
Caumaca a widow one child three years old the daughter of Parama	The wife of Dassary naigue son of Verspatchee the sister of Parama. Mootoo-Velah naigue's wife.
Shake Hussain	Of Verspatchee Cusba wounded.
Conda at Delli	Sherogar of Veroopatchee.

In letter to Board 29th April.

Proposed allowances for the families of the Poligars, submitted for the sanction of the Boarde of Revenue.

	S Pagodas.
For the females of Verspatchee and the children, provisions, cloths, &c every expence per mensum	20.
For the females and children of Delli provisions, cloths &c per mensum	25.
For the females and children of Jellliputty provisions cloths &c	25
For the femals and children of Somundory	6

This statement of allowances had reference only to the numbers now taken and is I believe the least that the prisoners can subsist upon and provide for common and most necessary wants.

April 29th

T. B. Hurdis

In letter to Board 29th April.

To The

To The Acting Fort Adjutant of Trichinopoly.

Sir, I enclose you bill for the subsistence of Vellaida Naigue the current Month. I request the favor of a receipt.

Camp 3d May 1801

I am &c.
(Signed) J. P. Hurdis
Collector

Captain Grant Comd Dindigul

Sir, The Taseeldar of Vattalagoontah Nutter cawn informs me he has taken the late Poligar of Veroopatchee, and was at Wodapah Naignoor on his route to Mellacottah and Dindigul

2 Should the Poligar not have arrived on the receipt of this I request you will send a guard as strong as you can make it to assist in bringing the said Poligar to Dindigul.

3 I have further to request that when arrived he may be placed alone on the rock in Irons and none suffered to comicate with him. I have directed Battah for his subsistence.

Delli. 1st May 1801

I have &c
(Signed) J. P. Hurdis
Collector

Major Robert Turing
Secretary to the Government.

Sir, Enclosed I have the satisfaction of sending for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council two Extract Translates from my Taseeldar of Vattalagoontah in the Dindigul province announcing his having seized and taken the late Poligar of Veroopatchee Goopala Naigue

2 Notwithstanding the capture I am fearful

that

that the very small party with him may encourage the bandetti of the routes to make an attempt to rescue the Poligar in which case I am apprehensive they might succeed as the Venidums mentioned by the Taseeldar are the most numorous and most powerful in the Aneoor nauts tho my knowledge of the determination and coolness of Nutter Cawn causes me to hope he will bring the Poligar in to Dindigul.

3 Lieut Col. Innes has mentioned his appro-bation of Nutter Cawns conduct previous to this act which so soon as completed I shall have the honor of requesting you to lay before his Lordship in Council.

I have &c

Delli-
6th May 1801-

(Signed) T.B. Hurdis
Collector.

Extract Translate of letter from Nutter Cawn Taseeldar of Vattalagoonta dated at Mulie-putty of the Poodoor Venidum 4 May.

Having received extract information that the Veroopatchee Poligar was with Pone Taven of Cullaputty in the Aneoor nauts I am going there with six duffas of Peons. I have also exact infor-mation that the Cullers of Curiamuttoor, Ariputty, Ramnadpoor, and all save the Poodoor Callcries as-sembled together and determined not to deliver the Poligar to the Sirkar. Therefore I require assistance.

2d letter.

Extract

Extract Translation of letter from Nuttur Cawn Taseeldar of Vattalagoontah dated at Woodapah Naignoor 4 May.

This morning very early I proceeded to Cullapatty and having seized on and taken the Verospatchee Poligar Coopalanaig I returned to Woodapa Naigs Village. I will proceed tomorrow before daylight to Nellacottah. I have promised the people who gave me the means of tracing him an Enaum.

John Travers Esqr.

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

I transmit the demand collection and Balance of the districts under my management for the month of April which having brought before the Board I request you will hand over to the Accountant General.

Camp Delli.
6th May 1801.

I am &c
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector.

P.S. The Register of bills is also sent. Mr Campbell having sent one of the set transmitted him only. I have enclosed an attested copy to the Sub Treasurer.

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis.

William Jones Esqr.

Sub Treasurer &c.

Sir,

I beg leave to enclose copy of the first of a set of Bills for 10095 St Pagods drawn by Mr Secretary Buchan in favor of Mr Campbell

on

on my Treasury, payable at sight. The Endorsement on the back will show the reason of my sending copy and the inconvenience all are put to by delay

2 I will send Mr Harringtons receipts for the remittance to Collicut as soon as I return to Daraporum. I delayed it on account of having desired the Collector of Salem to adjust the part of the advance he made for me with the house of Harrington, and I received his answer last night only.

I have &c
(signed) J B Hardis
Collector

Murigalum
7th May 1801

Cecil Smith Esqr Civil Auditor.

Sir, Be pleased to receive my accounts for April 1801.

2 I beg to call your attention to No 3 in the sealed Packet of Vouchers. I can send no original as the set is not complete. I have applied to Mr Campbell to send the remainder.

I have &c
(signed) J B Hardis

Delli
6th May
1801

William Jones Esqr &c

Sir,

I beg leave to enclose bill dated April 1st for Stg 23 18 50 on the Board of Revenue in favor of the Civil Fund.

I have &c
(signed) J B Hardis
Collector

Mungalum
7th May 1801

William

William Jones Esqr. Sub Treasurer &c

Sir,

Enclosed I beg you will receive bill ℬ for Stag. Pags. nineteen thousand two hundred and thirty four St. Pags. 19234 by the Madura Paymaster on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Revenue.

I have &c
(signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

Daraporum
8th. May 1801

Political Department.

Major Robert Turing
Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the pleasure of acquainting you the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, that Nuttur cawn has brought in and safely lodged with the officer Commanding Dindigul Coopala naigue late Poligar of Veroo-patchee.

2 The colleries it appears did not make any attempt to rescue the Poligar although they were assembled in great numbers and had threatened much.

3 Every part of the newly assumed Pollums is quiet; the Ryots are all present and from their conduct I have the greatest reason to suppose them pleased with the change of Masters.

I have &c
(signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

Daraporum
8th. May 1801

Edward Campbell Esqr.
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have received your favor of the 7th. and wish

and wish that a regular remittance of the bills had enabled you to furnish me with all the vouchers my accounts require. Viz

One bill for the Sub Treasurer.

One Do. for the Civil Auditor.

One Do. for the Collector's Treasury.

2 I have referred this matter to Madras but least any disappointment should happen to you from delay in answer. I think it necessary to apprize you that no further advances will be made to you from my Treasury without the tender of the full set of bills for the same as nothing less than an order from Government can do away the prescribed forms and orders.

Daraporum
9th May 1801.

I have &c.
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector.

Cecil Smith Esqr. Civil Auditor

Sir, I beg to transmit copy of Extract of letter from Mr. Edward Campbell which fully explains the reason of his not forwarding the set of bills to you and shows the impossibility of my complying with forms prescribed.

2 If it come within the power of your office to adjust this business I shall be obliged by doing it.

Daraporum
9th May 1801.

I have &c.
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector.

William Jones Esqr. Sub Treasurer &c.

Sir

I beg to transmit enclosed Extract of letter from Mr. Edward Campbell which fully explains

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the reason of his not forwarding the set of bills to me and that the delay in the business has not originated with him.

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Darapoor.
9th May 1801.

I have &c.
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector.

Robert Woolf Esqr. Accountant General.

Sir, Herewith I have the honor of sending my accounts for April 1801 and to subscribe myself, Sir,

Daraporum
10th May 1801.

your &c.
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector.

Robert Woolf Esqr. Accountant General.

Sir, Herewith I transmit statement of probable balance of Cash on the 31st May.

Daraporum
10th May 1801.

I have &c.
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector.

John Spencer Esqr. President &c.
Commissioners of Malabar.

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to transmit copy of letter from the Collector of Paulghaut containing an account of his investigation of the claims of certain Ryots of Anamalle on the Carigars of the Rajah of Cochin.

2 From this investigation it plainly appears that to conceal the part they bore in the transaction the Karegars have attempted to conceal the robbery by the most barefaced subornation and purjury.

3 Since the robbery happened the ryots have been waiting at Paulghaut in the hope of redress but as I have lately understood the Rajah of Cochin would make no restitution without the orders of your Board. I beg leave to express my hopes

that

that such orders as may appear necessary on the subject may be issued in relief of the sufferers who have been deprived of their property more than three months.

Daraporum
14th May 1801.

I have &c
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Robert Woolf Esqr. Accountant General.

Sir;

I have the pleasure of returning the probable statement (signed) with many Poligars for the previous inadvertency.

Dindigul
23d May
1801

I have &c
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector.

William Petrie Esquire President &c
Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to transmit copy of letter from Lieut Col. Innes respecting the conduct of Nuttur Cawn Taseeldar of the 3d Division of the province of Dindigul. Vide No.

2. It has afforded me the greatest pleasure to find the native servants on whom dependance has been placed in the late transactions with the Poligars have executed their parts of the business with an almost unprecedented zeal and activity.

3. Subsequent to this testimoney in favor of Nuttur Cawn, he was fortunate enough to trace the route of Coopala Naique into the Anioor Nauts and his conduct and resolution secured him on the 4th Instant in the Nauts and delivered him over to the officer commanding Dindigul on the 6th Instant.

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4 This enterprise was atchieved with one hund-red and fifty Peons and before many armed parties of the different Venedums of the Mauts Moottoo Veerah Predaun escaped and has since been seen by people sent for the purpose with the Chinna Murdoo with whom also is the eldest surviving son of the Poligar of Veroopatchee.

5 Lieut Col. Innes having been authorized by Government to publish a reward for the Poligars ap-prehension of 5000 Rupees if in communication with me we should deem the measure expedient. It was agreed that the extent granted should be arranged as noted in No. 2.

6 The reward attached to the apprehension of Veropatchee is certainly sufficient and had I not other places in favor of this man I should not request any further remark of favor for Nattur caun-.

7 To his moderate yet firm conduct in the execution of orders is to be attributed the peace of the Dindigul Vally these last two years to his de-fence of Nellacottah is to be attributed the pre-servation of the Revenue of that district and to his vigilance and perseverence the total defeat of Poojary Naigues adherents which ended in the capture and death of that atrocious chieftain.

4th Decr. 1798

8 The further mark of favor I would wish to recommend is that he may have leave to choose for himself an excellent horse and that Government would be pleased to authorize me to pay the cost of it.

without delaying ...

conduct of the Iyagoody Poligar with which I have great reason to be well satisfied. His exertions to seize the rebellious parties his securing the passes, his vigilance in searching out the offenders have been such as justify my wish for him to receive some mark of the favor of Government and I beg leave to suggest that I be allow=ed to purchase and present to him an horse of such value as Government may deem proper.

10 The success of the detachment has restored the Civil authority throughout this District but the state of the south and the open rebellion of the china murdoo - require that the means of strong and direct restraint should be at hand. I shall be prepared to substantiate what has hitherto been charged against Veropatchee and his adherents whenever Government may be pleased to direct the inquiry.

11 I am sorry to inform your Board that the chinna Murdoo has attacked Nuttum with a very strong body of the Mellore collerees and that his party have plundered and distroyed several Villages I have sent a reinforcement of Sibbendy to that Talook which I trust will enable the Tasseldars to Keep ground until I may be able to assist him more effectually but the Chinna Murdoo whom report says has assumed the title of Pawnda Rajah

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is too powerful to be checked by the efforts of Sibbendy alone

Colapollum
24th May 1801

(Signed) I have &c
J. B. Hurdis
Collector

George Buchan Esqr.
Acting chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

Enclosed I have the honor of sending for the information of his Lordship in Council Extract of letter to Lieut. Col. Agnew.

2 The purport of this letter is that should the first plan therein mentioned prove feasible I may be allowed a discretionary power to place as many Tappal peons as the distance may render necessary paying each the wages allowed for such peons and entering the charges so incurred in my accounts.

3d For the second plan no additional expence will be required as the Sibbendy of the Cucharees are sufficient in that part to expedite the dispatches.

Colapollum
24th May 1801

I have &c
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector.

Lieut. Col. Agnew &c. &c.

Dear Sir,

Tis most likely communication will be stoped between Pandalamcourchee and Madura & by the Chinna Murdoo between Madura and Dindigul I think if you can ensure letters safe by Shevegherry and tho thal Pollum to the Hill road in the Eastern most corner of the Dindigul Vally that I may be able to convey your dispatches from thence as addressed.

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I shall send duplicate of this by the route I mean and on receiving your answer I will place peons from the Eastern most corner of the Valley to Dindigul.

2dly Should this not be approved by you if your despatches to Government be sent by Cochin to Paulghaut addressed to the care of Mr Warden with directions to him to forward them to me by express to the Taseeldar of Pyllachee they will go quicker than by the regular Tappal and by a nearer route.

Either of this route will be more circuitous than the established one but the one by Sheveghery will be but a few miles farther.

I am my dear Sir, with ardent wishes for your success

May 24th 1801

Very sincerely yours
(signed) T.H. Hurdis

John Spencer Esqr President &c
Commissioners of Malabar

Gentlemen

Having ascertained the place chosen for an asylum by the rebellious Poligar of Mungalum Pylnaigue his brother Vellacondama Naigue and twenty of his followers to be in the Cochin Rajah's country in a Paddy named Anacaussum Woukmarputty to which place having been safely conducted by my informer, they generally. But Velliacondama Naig in particular, assumed the disguise of Shetties and told the Head man of the Village that they were Shetties betel nut merchants from Daraparum waiting for their

cattle

cattle which they did not expect for some time. They desired to stay there and paid a few famams and built themselves a shed to live in.

2 These people yet remain there and as very great importance is attached to the capture of Pyl naigue and his brother I have particularly to request of your commission that orders which may ensure their apprehension and delivery either to Lieut Col. Innes or myself may be issued as quick as possible.

3 To Identify their persons I have sent a man to Mr Warden with copy of this letter that if opportunity should offer for seizing them he might act on it.

Calapollum
25th May 1801

I have &c.
(signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector.

Thomas Warden Esqr. &c Collector Paulghaut

Sir,

I enclose for your information copy of letter to the Commissioners. The object of it is fully noted therein & from your known zeal for the service I have not a doubt but that your exertions to seize these miscreants will be successful if applied without loss of time which as very great importance is attached to their apprehension I request of you to do.

Colapollum
25 May 1801

I have &c.
(signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector.

William Petrie Esqr. President &c.
Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

On the 15th Instant I had the honor of sending by Coolies under charge of my own peons the Map of the Dindigul province as protracted by

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the surveyors from the observatory

2 Therefore Books will bee sent in a few days to the inspector and will I hope show that their deligence has overcome one of the most laborious and difficult works ever attempted in British India.

3 Many inconveniences attended their late establishment which where I have remedied and obtained the inspectors openion on my proposal for a defferent establishment I shall submit for the approbation of your Board.

Calapollum
26th May 1801

I have &c
(signed) T B Hurdis
Collector

Robert Woolf Esqr Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to transmit you statements according to your letter of the 7th April last.

28th May 1801

I have &c
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis

William Petrie Esqr President &c
Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

By the letter I had the honor of sending your Board under date 24th Instant. It will bee seen that the Chinna murdoo had commenced his predatory warfare against the Talook of Nuttum.

2 His people possessed and distroyed the eastern Villages progressively. On the 26th they advanced to Nuttum Cusba which after very possible resistance on the part of the Taseeldar and his Peons, they so

possessed

possessed themselves of about six oClock P.M.

3 The Taseeldar with his party there took post in the Pagoda which was warmly assaulted by the Poligars and colleries who were repulsed and retired to recollect their numbers and increase them.

4 The Taseeldar waited in the Pagoda until 4 oClock A.M. 27th when he unfortunately quitted it. He proceeded towards the Dindigul passes but the enemy closed in on him and his party, and after a struggle of about three hours during which time the peons expended all their ammunition and the party became completely defeated, the Taseeldar was killed and the Poligars (after sending a considerable party to the passes) returned to Nuttum and proclaimed the assumption of the Pollum in the name of the Murdoo

5 Of the Taseeldars party which did not exceed one hundred & ninety men two only were killed and thirteen wounded. The enemy's loss not known.

6 Three Sherogars of the Eastern Villages who were attached to the women of the Poligar joined the invaders and were very active in the attack. The Chinna Murdoo had offered his services to place Kurta Naigue (one of the claimants) on the Pullum and the pensioned women it was said had listened to him the brother of the former Predaun of the Pollum was with the attacking party, and the messages between the Murdoo and the Amas were carried by Coopiah the former Predaun

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7 Circumstances united to impress me with a bleef of a conspiracy in which the women were im=plecated. I lost not one moment in securing the parties and the various reports that have since ar=rived the indefinite concur to render my suspe=sions stronger but as yet I have not that inform=ation which would constitude positive proof.

8 Independant of this the vally of Dindigul on the whole extent of the Collery Country is most seriously threatened by the Murdoo in conjunction with the Curramoottoor and Aripatty Colleries. to whom the Murdo has shown repeated act of favor by granting enams in the Shevegungah Pollum to all the chief of those Venidums.

9 The state of the Detachment and the necessity of Vegilance towards the Vally and Madura renders my immediate offensive measure for the reestablishment of the Civil power in Nattum impossible the revenue is for the present gone, but as opportunity offers to accelerate the service it will be acted on and I hope with success.

10 I shall have the honor of sending your Board a more detailed account of the circum=stances that have occured and of the immediate actors so soon as I can get any direct information from Nattum which I have hopes of doing, As the parties in the passes are not now so strong in consequence of a large party of troops having

gone

on to the Nuttum borders to prevent if possible further invasion.

Calapcullum
29th May 1801

I have &c
(signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector.

William Petrie Esqr. President &c
Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have the honor of reporting that information has been received of the death of Yedul naigue the rebellious Poligar of Delli of a fever and ague in the Animalli Mountains. The account was brought by one of his own people taken by the Sibbendy of Delli and whom I have sent again into the mountains with parties to seize the chief Sherogars who were with him and are now with his brother (whom they have saluted as Poligar) in the Angee Naud.

2 I have the pleasure of reporting the seizure of Jumpi naigue Poligar of Chinchoade at a Village called Modelipatty near Tereaur in the Nobab's country by a Jemidar of my Sibbendy named Somer Sing who with five of his peons pursued him with the greatest perseverance near one hundred thirty miles.

3 I have the further pleasure of reporting the seizure of Vellicondar and Narasinga two of the chief Poligars of Virupatchee by Cawder Cawn resaldar of the 2nd Sibbendy Resaulah. The prisoners will be to day delivered over to the

officer

officer Commt Dindigul.

4 Naga Naigue Poligar of Pereaputty and Andeama who called herself Ranee of Delli and to whom may bee attributed the cause of the rebellious conduct of the late Poligar, are both dead, the former died of a fever, the latter of a dropsy.

5 Of the western confideracy the Poligars of Jelli-patty and Mungalum now only remain the former is most perseveringly looked after the latter is in the Cochin Rajahs Country. I have written the Commissioners at Calicut to secure him and his brother and I have taken every step possible to prevent a failure.

I have &c
(signed) T.B. Hurdis
Collector

Colapollum
1st June 1801.

John B Travers Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

I have by this days Tappal received Circular letter dated 23d March bearing post mark 28th May respecting weights and measures the standards are not arrived or any list of them.

2 I beg to trouble you for receipts in Triplicate for the coins sent under date 1st December 1800 according to the invoice.

3 I am sorry to report the death of Chidumbara Pillah the former Taseeldar of Manapara whose claims on the persons mentioned in my letter of 5th January (to which no

answer

answer has been received) are unsettled, and from whose estate I apprehend not even the most trifling can realized.

Colapollum
2d June 1801.

I am &c
(signed) J.B. Hurdis
Collector.

William Jones Esqr. Sub Treasurer &c

Sir,

Enclosed I send you a receipt of the House of Messrs. H B & C dated 22d January 1801 for S Pagds fifty nine thousand Eight hundred and twenty nine by order of Government. (59829)

Colapollum
2d June 1801.

I have &c
Signed J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Captain Jones Comgat Veropatchee.

Sir,

From information I have just received there is reason to suppose Moottoo Veerah Predaun of Veropatchee has contrived to return to that Pollum. Intimation of this has been given to the several Taseeldars. So that I trust by their Vigilance in tracing out this miscreant and your able assistance in support he will not have power to commit any act of enormity.

Colapollum
3d June 1801.

I am &c
(signed) J.B. Hurdis
Collector.

William Jones Esqr. Sub Treasure

Sir,

Enclosed I send you bill on the Board of Revenue dated 1st May 1801 for S Pagds thirteen fanams four and Cash forty five (13-4-45) on account of the Civil fund.

Colapollum
5th June 1801.

I have &c
Signed J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Cecil Smith Esqr Civil Auditor

Sir,

I have the pleasure of sending my accounts for may 1801

Colapollum
5th June 1801

I have &c
(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collector

J B Travers Esqr Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

I have the pleasure of transmitting you the Demand Collection & Balance of the districts under my management for the month of May which having brought before the Board be so good to send to the Accountant General - The Register of Bills accompany's it.

Colapollum
6th June 1801

I have &c

William Jones Esqr Sub Treasurer &c

Sir,

Enclosed I send you one Bill on the Board of Revenue dated 1st may 1801 for Stagds thirteen fanams four and cash forty five (13-4-45) on account of the Civil fund - and one Bill by Mr John Wm Thursby Paymaster of Madura dated 5th Instant for Stagds Eighteen thousand seven hundred (18700) on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Revenue.

Collapollum
6th June 1801

I have &c

Robert Woolf Esqr &c

Sir,

I beg to transmit my accounts for may 1801/2 and have the honor to be Sir,

Colapollum
10th June 1801

Yours &c
(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collector

Robert

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Robert Woolf Esqr. &c

Sir,

Herewith be pleased to receive statement of probable Balance of Cash of this Collection on 30th June.

Calapotlum
10th June 1801.

I have &c
(signed) W. Hardis
Collector

William Petrie Esqr. President &c Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to send the enclosed Plan and survey of the ground granted to me at Darasporum & the buildings I had thereon erected.

2 I beg leave to offer the whole premises to Government for Public offices of any discription for the sum of four thousand two hundred Star Pagodas.

3 Should Government not approve of purchasing I beg leave to tender all the buildings and Ground East of the Nellah for Public offices at the annual rent of S Pagodas five hundred in lease for any Numbers of years Government may please to approve of the premises during that time to be completely upheld at the expence of Government.

4 Should the Government approve of this tender in preference to the whole purchase I trust as the house has been given up to the use of the Cutcherree since the 17th September last that there will be no objection to the payment of rent commencing from the 1st October.

5 I have frequently noted to your Board the great inconvenience both myself and people have suffered from the want of Public buildings. I certainly have built these in the hope Government would either purchase

&c

or rent them. The materials are in every respect of the sort and the work most substantial.

6 The situation is centrical and with the exception of this year healthy but a malignant fever appears to have raged every where below the Ghauts this season, so as to have caused all places to suffer much.

7 Should your Board recommend my proposal to the favorable consideration of Government it would be satisfactory to me that the works should be examined by a scientific man and reported upon.

I have &c.
(signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector.

Colapollum
June 10th 1801.

Lieut Wm Moore 1st Battalion 13th Regt.

Sir, The above is according to your receipt. I have to desire you will send the amount to my Cutcherree when your receipt will be returned.

I am &c.
(signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector.

Colapollum
near Dindigul
11th June 1801.

Captain Grant Commg Dindigul.

Sir, Herewith I transmit a list of the Prisoners on the Rock exclusively under your charge according to the preceeding order of the 21st March 1801.

I have &c.
(signed) T. B. Hurdis.
Collector.

Colapollum
12th June 1801.

William Petrie Esqr President &c.
Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen, I am this moment honored with your

your commands respecting Carroor. The demolition of which shall be entered on so soon as the stores are removed

2 I further beg leave to recommend the demolition of Arivarcourche. Kangyum and Columbum The two first of these forts are very strong, and in event of confusion in the Country would prove of the greatest injury if possible by the country as under the present in the country it is most likely they would be.

3 The highest and thickness of the walls of Arivarcourchy could preclude the hope of taking it unless by regular approaches and the Ditch of Kangyum gives it that security as to prevent it being taken without guns in such of these places are twelve of the trained Sibbendy on whom little dependence indeed is to be placed.

4 The certainty of quiet to the westward renders the post of Columbum quiet unnecessary and thence I beg leave to suggest the propriety of destroying it as the number of peons to take care of it lessons materially the strength of the Cocheree is without any good being derived from it.

I have &c.
(Signed) T.B Hurdis
Collector.

Nattum
14th June 1801

Dear Macauly,

These enclosures one of the greatest importance. The originals are given to Col. Dyce and thereby orders are sent from Division head quarters to me. They go the new route which tho further is likely to be more safe. Agnew is I believe at Ramnad today

Nattum
17th June

Major

Major General Bridges &c

Dear Sir,

I have just been favored with two notes from you covering duplicate letter from Mr. Buchan & Triplicate from Captn. Wilks both to Lieut Col. Agnew which I have sent on.

I believe Agnew is to day at Ramnad - no news. We are tolerably quiet here the enemy having gone to the Eastward.

Nuttum
17th June

I am &c
(signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector.

John Thursby Esqr.
Paymaster Madura

Sir,

I have received your letter dated 20th Inst.

2. I shall be ready to pay to your agent at Dindigul the amount you have desired on your sending him your order to receive it, and will accordingly as my Treasury admits attend to your wish regarding the coins

3 I must beg leave to decline sending to your office at Madura any sums whatever independing of the inconvenience of detaching shroff it does not occur to me that I am authorized to incur any expence whatever for the carriage of money for your department in any situation. but more especially when you have agents at Dindigul to whom payment have always hitherto have been made without the least inconvenience to either Department.

4 Any guard for the Treasure you may require on account of Madura or Lieut Col. Agnew's Detachment must be sent from Madura the Garrison of Dindigul not being sufficient to afford what would be efficient.

Camp Nuttum
22d June 1801

I have &c.
(signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Lieut Macbean Dindigul.

Sir,

The bearer Pycha has complained that previous to your possessing Col. Cuppages House he had under authority (which authority he has produced to me) sown cut & stacked some grain which was not taken away when you entered on the premises this grain it appears is now withheld from him. I have to request you will cause it to be delivered over to him and thereby prevent thy further interference in the business.

I have further to beg that you will not prevent the Ryots from using the water of the wall and in that Garden for the several Gardens below it as those wells and tanks situated in that Garden are not exclusively the property of Col. Cuppage.

Calapollum
26th June 1801

I am Sir &c.
(signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

William Petrie Esqr. President &c.
Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

The distruction prevailing on the borders of this province through the whole of the Nabobs country in consequence of the rebellion of the Murdoor has created much alarm and in Nuttum been the

cause

cause of great loss.

2 I joined the Detachment at that place on the 13th Inst and succeeded in bringing the Ryots of the interior Villages of the Pollum again to their homes they will remain there until the departure of the Detachment again alarms them for their safety.

3 Of the eastern Villages that had suffered no ryot remained nor could I by any inquiry ascertain more than I had the honor of noting (respecting the attack) in my letter dated 29th Ultimo the part the widows took in the affair yet remains in the state it then was.

4 I have great satisfaction in reporting to your Board that the Revenue of Nuttum with the exception of the amount due from the distroyed Villages is wholly collected. The Balance on those Villages is less than six hundred Cally chuckrums.

5 With the exception of this balances every Cash of the ain Jummabundy is collected. The July Kist is on the Pollum only and I have from present appearances no doubt but that the Peishcush will be faithfully discharged as due from every Poligar save Cunnivady, who is yet too much addicted to his vicious propensities to be regular in his attention to the Circar.

6 I beg leave to submit Estimate for Taccavy for the Ryots of the several Districts for

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the ensuing fusly and to request sanction for the amount specified. The Taccavey granted last fusly is also recollected.

7 I transmit also for the approbation of your Board the Moonzabita for 1211 fusly for which I request sanction.

I have &c.
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector.

Calapallum
27th June 1801.

George Buchan Esqr Acting Chief Secretary &c.

Sir,

1st By intimation from Lieut Col. Innes this morning received, I am given to understand that Mr Lushington & myself are to raise as many acting Pioneers in the form of Peons or any other form, as possible for the purpose of cutting through the extensive Jungle of the Murdoos.

[...]e No 1 2 I have in consequence intimated accordingly to the enclosed paper to the nearest Taseeldars & Poligars the numbers I require from their respective Talooks and Pollums.

[...]e No 2 3 I have by directing the levy to be made on each Village according to its capability taken every precaution to guard against the injury that may arise from so great a droft to cultivation should the estimated number be eventually procured.

4 I have entered what I conceive may be a proper rate of pay for such as may be employed which I have to request the favor of you to lay before the Right Honble Governor in Council for his approbation.

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5 I beg leave however to suggest that it may be more proper after fixing the rate of pay &c to place these men under the command of such officers as they may by turn of service become attached to and that such officer draw their allowances regularly from the Paymaster as the allowances of the regulars are drawn.

6 And this as well to ensure to the Public their service efficiently as to secure to them their pay especially as the service is temporary and any man in charge of each party from the Collector might look more to his individual emolument than to the Public benifit.

7 In directing the levy to the extent noted in the estimate I have done it more with the view of getting all the country can spare than with the hope of collecting all entered. I trust what has been done will meet his Lordships approbation and should the expence become a charge in my accounts that you will be so obliging as to procure the necessary authority for my entering it and for its being admitted in audit.

I have &c

(signed) J. B. Hardie.

Collector

Colapollum

28th June 1801

Estimate

Estimate of Coolies for cutting Jungle.

Talooks.	Jemidar	Duffadar	Coolies	Total.	Tools.			
					Ax.	Spades	Bellhooks	Total
Dindigul District.								
Vadasendoor	5	20	500	525	188	125	187	500
Periacollum	3	12	300	315	113	75	112	300
Battagoonta	4	16	400	420	150	100	150	400
Pylney	5	20	500	525	188	125	187	500
Nuttum	5	20	500	525	188	125	187	500
Conquered District								
Arvarkourichy	3	12	300	315	113	75	112	300
Daraporum	4	16	400	420	150	100	150	400
Total	29	116	2900	3045	1090	725	1085	2900
Pollums								
Iyagoody	2	8	200	210	75	50	75	200
Ramgherry	4	16	400	420	150	100	150	400
Vadagherra	2	8	200	210	75	50	75	200
Airmetterra	1	4	100	105	38	25	37	100
Tavashmada	—	2	50	52	20	10	20	50
Yemealaporum	1	4	100	105	38	25	37	100
Mamberra	—	2	50	52	20	10	20	50
Total	10	44	1100	1154	416	270	414	1100
Grand Total	39	160	4000	4199	1506	995	1499	4000

One set of artificers for mending Tools to every 400 men equal to those attached to the Pioneers.

		Pagodas
Jemidar per Month		4
Duffadar	D.o	2½
Cooley	D.o	2

John William Thursby Esq.r Paymaster Madura.

Sir,

Inclosed you will receive copies of your agents' receipt, I beg the favor of the Bill for the amount as soon as possible.

Dindigul
29th June 1801

I have &c.
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector.

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P.S. The cash for Lieut Col. Agnew is shroffing to your agent and the additional indent for Madura.

(signed) T.B.H.

Lieut Robert Hughes

Sir,

I, a second time, return you Major Innes's receipt for supplies and refer you to my letter of yesterday.

Calapallum
June 30th 1801.

I am &c.
(signed) T.B. Hardis
Collector

I send back also your own receipt having the batta bill it is of no use.

Major General Bridges &c.

Sir,

The Collector of southern Peishcush not having the means of sending cash for the Ramnad Rajah subsistence to Trichinopoly in consequence of the unquiet state of the country requested of me to remit on his account for the Rajah six thousand Rupees. In part whereof I beg leave to transmit the enclosed bill with a request that receipts in Triplicate may be sent to me for the amount when received.

Calapallum
30th June 1801.

I have &c.
(signed) T.B. Hardis
Collector

Bill on Narasimma Chetty Shroff of Trichinopoly for 2000 Comps. Rupees payable at 10 days sight to Major General Bridges Comg. Trichinopoly on account of Ramnad Rajah for cash received from Mr. Thomas Bowyer Hardis dated 28th June 1801.

William Petrie Esqr. President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

I have great pleasure in reporting to

your

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your Board the seizure of the Brother of the late Poligar of Delli and the whole of the Chief Therozaars by the Peons sent into the Hills under the conduct of Narniah the Tasceldar of Delli.

I have &c.
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector.

To Lieut. Macbean Dindigul.

Sir,

I have your letter of to day's date and recommend the grain be given up to the claimant on whom if it be proved that he has not done his duty a distinct complaint may be made.

I am Sir &c.
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector.

To Vegna Carnaratagoo Maunangath Naig —
Poligar of Rumglerry.

The Sirkar having occasion for cooley people you are hereby required to furnish 420 hands from your Pollum in consequence of which you will assess every Village belonging to you according to its respective ability and obtain securities from the Nautamicar and Head Inhabitants thereof you will direct them to furnish themselves with axes bill hooks & Monities.

You will appoint a Duffadar to every 25 and a Jemidar to every hundred men selected from the ablest amongst them write a list of their names collect the whole of the axes monties & bill hooks — furnish them with ten days Batta and send them under an escort of ten persons in five days to the Hoozoor.

You must however in conforming to the

above

above requisition take particular care that no impe-
diment arises to the cultivation by their absence.

You are to understand for certain that should you delay in executing the above orders you will incur our very great displeasure.

In furnishing the above mentioned Tools 3 parts must consist of Axes & bill hooks and one of Mum-ties for which the people shall receive a just value. Hereby is forwarded a form for writing the account of the people thus collected and which you will send with the coolies.

(True Translation)

signed W Garrow
Hd. Assist.

I judged it expedient to promise payment for the working tools conceiving it the most expeditious way of procuring them as the stores could not supply the number wanted

(signed) T. B. Hurdis

John William Shirely Esq:
Paymaster Madura

Sir,

Inclosed you will receive copies of your [illegible] agents receipt I beg the favor of the bill for the amount as soon as possible.

Dindigul
1st July 1801

I have &c
(signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

Captn. J. Butler Acting Fort Adjutant
Trichinopoly

Sir,

Enclosed I transmit you Bill for star Pagodas

Thirty one

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thirty one on Narsimma Chetty Shroff for subsistance of Vallaid Naig for the current Month & I request the favor of a receipt.

Dendigul
1st July 1801

I am Sir, &c.
(signed) T.B. Hurdis
Collector.

William Jones Esqr. Sub Treasurer &c.

Sir,

Enclosed I send you two Bills one No. 37 dated 30th June for Star Pagodas (6000) six thousand and another No. 40 dated 1st July for St. Pags. 26400, twenty six thousand four hundred by Madura Paymaster on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Revenue.

Colapollum
2d July 1801

I have &c.
(signed) T.B. Hurdis
Collector.

William Petrie Esqr. President.
&c Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor of reporting the seizure of the late Poligar of Jellipoutty, Tondamattoor, Yerrum Naig by the Peons Nagamum He was delivered up at Darapoorum on the 1st Inst.

Colapollum
3d July 1801

I have &c.
(signed) T.B. Hurdis
Collector.

Lieut. MacBean.

Sir,

I have the desire that for such things as you may have received from Madras by the bearer Samynat you will pass your receipt for so as to ensure him payment for his hire and I have further to desire that you will not send any person whatever (to the Cutwal's choultry or any other guard) unconnected with the Military

without

without having previously referred the business of my Cucherree

July 3^d 1801

I am &c
(Signed) J B Hurdis
Collector

Lieut. MacBean of the 2^d Batt^n 13th Regt.

Sir

I am sorry to be again necessitated to address you on the subject of the Cooly Samnad.

This Cooly claims his hire from you from Tanjore to Dindigul from Madras to Tanjore he has received it if it be not paid by you here he requires a receipt which may prove him entitled to it on his return.

His claim is clear explicit and just yet reasonable as it is you refused compliance with it although he had my authority for demanding it and independant of the refusal - you twice struck the Cooly with a stick severely in presence of the Peon I sent with him to you -

I beg to refer you to the G. O. of the 10th December 1794 which will shew you the impropriety of such conduct - and I have further to say - that unless either by receipt for the things brought or by payment of the hire from Tanjore to Dindigul this man be satisfied by you, I will take those means to make my authority respected by an immediate application to your Commanding Officer and Division Head Quarters -

Calapollam
4th July 1801

I am &c
Signed J. B. Hurdis
Collector

To Cecil Smith Esqr
Civil Auditor

Sir,

I beg leave to send my accounts for June 1801 nothing particular occurs in them to direct your attention to.

Calapollam
4th July 1801.

I am &c
Signed J. B. Hurdis
Collector

To William Jones Esqr. Sub Treasurer &c.

Sir,

Enclosed I send you Bill on the Board of Revenue Dated 1st. June 1801 for Str. Pagodas fifteen fanams Seventeen and Cash fifty five (15-17-55.) on account of Civil Fund-

I have &c.

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Calapollam
4th. July 1801.

Lieut. Colonel Dyce
Sir,

Mooka is taken by the Periacolum peons most his followers either killed or prisoners pray send to Major Macalay

Dundegul
19th Octr 1801 }

I have &c.

Major General Bridges
Sir,

I have only time to say the Periacolum peons have taken Mooka his followers are in the most part killed or made prisoners

I have &c.

October 19th
8 P.M. }

Signed / S. B. Hurdis
Collector

W. Petrie Esqre President and Members of the Bd of Revu
Gentlemen,

I have great pleasure in telling your Board the Periacolum Peons have taken Poomdala, Coorrechy Mooka Kutter ka his peons & Cootumkad killed taken and dispersed his followers sixty five of whom have arrived and many others are reported on the road

I have &c.

19th October

Signed / S. B. Hurdis
Collector

Captain Whether Commanding Malay Troops
Sir

Least the letters Lieutenant Colonel Innis has written to Captain Benvard to yourself to the officer Commanding 1st. 14th and the Pioneer officer should have passed you I think it right for the

for the good of the service to say – they were sent to prevent your advancing and the parties ordered by Colonel Agnew the Reinforcement not now being wanted

And I have much pleasure in telling you my peons took Mooka in the Goudalaporum jungles near Peracolum last night all his followers being by them killed taken or dispersed

I have &c.
Signed/ S B Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul
19th Octr 1801

P.S. Be so good as inform the other Commandants of Corps the purport of this letter

Signed/ S B Hurdis

Rout for the Detachment of the Regiment De Meuron from Dindigul to Talemala

From Dindigul		
To Namelcoot	13	Wells and Nulla
Pulla seramibara	13	Small wells
Kistnama naig talasay	13	Nulla & wells
Vengapollam	13	Wells
Peropoor	13	River Noyel
Chayoor	10	Tank & wells
Pullampetty	13	Wells
Bodicopa	13	River Mye
Agagulputty	5	River Mye
Talmalla	7	Wells

This is to the top of the Pass thence to Seringapatam the stages are not perfectly known at least not sufficiently so for me to fix them

Signed/ S B Hurdis

Lieutenant Colonel Agnew

Sir,

I.

I enclose a list of the Paundalomecoroochy men taken by my people and Copy of my letter to Major Warne for your information

2 I beg to call your attention to list A the parties therein named compose several of the principals in your proscribed list I beg you will transmit to me the rewards proclaimed for apprehending them that they may be given to those who have so well deserved them

Dindigul
25th Octr 1801 } I have &ca
Signed/ J. B. Hurdis

W. Petrie Esqre President & Members of the Bd of Revenue
Gentlemen,

I beg leave to enclose for the information of your Board Copies of letters and lists of prisoners sent to Lieutenant Colonel Agnew

2 The names entered in list A are all Cheifs and complete by their apprehension the overthrow of Paundalomecooroochy men

3 The Brother of Omey was traced from a small Village in Whotapa Naigues Pollom into the Saupatoor pollom under Mr Lushington I had warned the Tasildar under date 17th Instant of the probability of the rebels coming that way and he was so fortunate as to seize him

4 Lieutenant Colonel Innes came in on the 23d all the principals of the Veeroopatchee were brought in by his detachment

5 — Coudan and Comarvellagour both many years under proscription are the only disturbers as yet at large little is to be apprehended from them

6 Barrapoor Bomi Naigue was yesterday cap-
tured by Lenly man's peons and sent to Paramalai

7 Every thing promises favorably for peace
in these districts but vigilance is still necessary and
I trust your Board will rest assured of every exer-
tion of mine to prevent or remedy every disturbance

I have the honor to be with greatest respect

Signed / S B Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul
25th Octr 1801 }

W. Petrie Esqre President & members of the Bd of Revenue

Gentlemen

1 I beg leave to transmit to your Board my
Head Assistants Report on the Madura province

2 The statements accompanying fully eluci-
date in abstracts the Report - the details whence they
were found are collected and shall be sent so soon
as possible but as they can be dispensed with and will
take some time to translate which is more necessa-
rily employed in an enquiry into the Khaum Wassool
they are for the present deferred

3 The subject of the Village Maunioms
is also at present not entered on and from the confused
state of the Country neither the particular or general
Cavellies have as yet been ascertained the enquiry
is going on and with the Jummabundy the accounts
particular shall be sent with every explanation

4 As I had formerly stated to your Board
the confidence I had in Mr Garrows ability I hope
the specimen now transmitted will appear to
your Board to justify my opinion should it meet
with

with favorable Consideration I trust it will not be thought too persuming if (as he is always detached) I beg to recommend that his allowances be put on the same footing that Mr. Wallace's were while under Mr. Harris well assured Mr. Garrow's exertions will merit so substantial a mark of the favor of Government

5 I beg to transmit for sanction the Moyen. Zabita for Madura the Hungamah establishment will be used no longer than necessary

6 On the subject of the Collection of the last fusly balance I shall in the course of a few days address your Board at present I am not sufficiently informed on the extreme intricacies of the Madura Management to know to whom this property should be rendered or to whom either by order or agreement it justly belongs no renters agreement or Muchulka being found

7 An account of the sums paid from necessity to the Nabobs Troops will also accompany this report as well as what appears due from the renters to the servants of the Nabob exclusively and what appears due to their own but as the accounts are not yet seperated so as to shew how much each renter Collected during his management and how much ought to have been paid I cannot accurately state the case to your Board

8 The orders of Government gave a discretionary power of retaining or discharging the Troops — and as my assistant found their services not

not only not to be depended upon but that their usual practice was extortion in the Country he thought it most proper to discharge them - and save a daily expence of between twenty five and thirty star Pagodas they were disarmed and the arms lodged in the Chucharee

9 In respect to the general state of the Country every thing is in better order than might from the maravar rebellion have been expected Cultivation is well made and I am persuaded the lesser ryots are satisfied with the change from all the information I have the Revenue will not be less than the average of the last five years but as I do not at present think Tuccavy necessary I shall not attempt to raise the Jumma

10 The Curranoottoor Colleries are the only troublesome people at present but as I have now the aid of part of Lieutenant Colonel Agnews force I hope soon to see order reestablished particularly as the Murdoos are now for ever lost to them

11 The stores and Guns of the Nabob are yet with the Cucharee I beg to know what I am to do with them. I have used a quantity of the ammunition for the service of my Peons

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Cotapollam
26th Octr 1801.

Signed/ S. R. Hurdis
Collector

W Petrie Esqre President & members of the Bd of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I

I have the honor of sending Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements for August and September & estimate from 1st October to the 30th April

2 Whether your Board will be able to form any precise judgement from it I cannot say, it is so far as regards myself correct but the irregularity of the Madura Paymaster's extra indents renders it impossible for me to be exact as I wish

I have the honor to be with greatest respect

Dindigul
27th Octr 1801 }

Signed/ J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Lieutenant Colonel Agnew

Sir,

I have received your favor of the 2d Instant and rejoice of the contents granting retribution justice

2 I have given directions for the proclamation according to your desire

3 I had hoped Bomie Naig of Varrapoor would have accompanied these miscreants as his influence was the cause of their conduct - independant of which he faught Lieutenant Colonel Innis at Manapa-chery opposed him in Paramalli and on his rout to Trimium he gave protection to the son of Veroopatchee to Moottoo Veera Paradan Tomachee Modaly Candan &ca proscribed rebels allowed them to pass and repass through his country to reenter this province with their horses - the Oiney and Shevatiyah at their head the proof of these circumstances is from the declaration of

Veroopatchee

Veeroopatchee sow sent you on the 30th October from Mootoo Verahs Copy now enclosed and from the other conversations I had from Lieutenant Colonel Innis who transmitted them to me as he received them and which if the notoriety of his rebellious conduct be not sufficiently established to condemn him I shall be happily to forward to you that retributive justice may also be had on Bomie Naigue

I have &ca.

Dindigul
4th Novr. 1801 } Signed/ T B Hurdis
Collector

Cecil Smith Esqre. Civil Auditor

Sir,

Be pleased to receive the accounts of the districts under my charge for the Month of October

I have &ca.

Dindigul
5th Novr. 1801 } Signed/ T B Hurdis
Collector

George Read Esqre. Sub Collector Baramahl

Sir,

I am this moment favored with your letter of the 2d Instant Covering list of Coins for the Paymasters Department

2 I am sorry to say in attending to the currency of my districts you have not adverted to the circumstance of these coins not being wanted for them they are for the pay of the southern Detachment which is not only out of my districts but in those in which variety of the Coins sent are not current

3 In my letter dated September 24th to Mr Hepburn I requested the Coins might be exchanged into New Porto Novo Pagodas & Company or Arcot Rupees as the Currency I could have wished reference had been made to that letter as what would have saved us much trouble more particularly as 40000 Star Pagodas in Coins were in hand and required only three weeks to exchange them into the currency required out of those 40000 only thirty five thousand are now reported to be Collected and sent

4 I have to inform you that I shall not receive these Coins and I recommend your writing to the Madura Paymaster stating the cause of deficiency of supply that the cause of disappointment to the Detachment may be properly explained to the Commanding officer

5 Mr Thursby is at Madura and his people are at Dindigul - Six sorts of the Coins you have now sent were never yet issued to the Paymaster even for the Dindigul Districts

I am &ca

Dindigul 6th November 1801 } Signed/ J. B. Hurdis Collector

Major Warne

Sir,

I beg to send for the Rock the cavoomathoor Chiefs they have been notorious in the late rebellion

I am &ca

Dindigul 7th November 1801 } Signed/ J B Hurdis Collector

List of Prisoners Delivered to Major Warne

Caroomathoor Ummyappen Coller

Do Chadamayen his son Do

Ummyapully Chinna Cullyanee Do

Dindigul Signed / J B Hurdis

7th Novr 1801 } Collector

D Brown Esqre Arroor

Sir

I was duly favored with your letter of the 13th Ultimo which pressure of every important business has prevented my answering until now

2 Mr Campbells letter and enclosure (the former dated 25th August) I received the 17th September It having been following me during the period of my Journey from Madras

3 I enclose in answer to Mr Campbells letter Copy of the representation of the Bramins and Ryots to which I request specific answers

4 I have received Mr Campbells statements of deficiencies in number of cannies to be planted and I have given order which I trust will ensure the full plantation according to agreement

5 I am extremely sorry that you feel cause for complaint against the village people for their want of attention to the culture of the cane and the more so as I do not conceive myself warranted in any interference with their cultivation but — particularly

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particularly in what would increase their own labour or expence without being in their opinion compensated by extraordinary profit

I am &c.

Dindigul
8th Nov. 1801 }
Signed / J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Lieutenant Colonel Agnew

Sir,

I am this moment favored with your letter of the 6th Instant

2 I am sorry that proof against Boom Naique in respect to Puttum appears to have been failed in but had hoped even if that Charge was not proved others would have convicted him and notwithstanding his offer of submission to you I am well aware he has been one of the leaders in the Rebellion though with more wile & subtilty in his proceedings than others

3 The loss of his pollum can hardly be considered a punishment since he held it in the usurpation in which he was upheld by the Murdoos as a man better fitted for their purpose than the legal heir

4 I am very happy to hear of the sentence on Sidapully of Shunnamapully he was a Chief ever obedient to the Murdoos in plundering Puttum

5 I should be glad to be favored with

with the circumstances respecting the Conduct of andsapa of Keelavaloo which calls for your disappro bation as I know he rendered some material service to the detachment under Lieutenant Colonel Innis and that there did subsist much enmity be tween him and his uncle at the same time that I mention this it is by no means my intention to in crease the power of any Collary Chief whatever

6 The Caramatoor Chiefs & Partizans of the murdoo are taken and on the Rock of Dindigul Viz Andi Taven and his son Shadannoyen Hanaputty Chinna Cullany Taven — I will be very happy to Commit them to your tribunal that you may sentence them according to their deserts the latter Viz Chinna Culliany Taven whose alliance offensive and defensive with Gopaul Naigue late Poligar of Veroopatchee and through him with the late Sultans servants has been long notorious was the Chief Partizans in the depredations committed in the Madura Country

7 In No 1 and 2 I transmit you Copy of letter from Mr Collector Read and my answer which will I hope expedite the Cash & in such Coins as may preclude loss to the Troops

8 I have directed the Tahsildar of aneoor to disarm _entirely_ the Colleries of the Venedums Composing that district. a very few days will determine the business but until it

it is so settled as to impress the Colleries with the necessity of obedience I have to request that the means of coersion may not be removed I have every reason to expect success

I have &ca

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul
9th Novr. 1801

George Read Esqr.

Sir,

I have this moment your favor of the 10th Instant

2 I beg leave to set you right in an assumption you have made of my "determination to reject "all the Coins but new Porto Novo Pagodas & Company Rupees" no part of my letter indicating any such thing

3 My exclusion goes to all you have sent but especially to the Arakyl Chinny Siddckee Shree Venetians and Mysoor Rupees which six sorts are not Current and which were the sorts alluded in the 5th Paragraph of my letter of 6th Instant

4 The delay in transmission of the Coins arises from my letter of 11th October the cause the disturbed state of the Country south of the Royel but that delay gave time for Coins Current to be procured in the districts North of the Royel

5 I certainly desired the Veroy & Coutroy fanams should be exchanged into other Coins and as

as the most proper currency I named in my letter to Mr Hepburne 24th September the coins specifically

6 You tell me you have sent what you conceived to be the best coins in addition to the Porto Novo Pagodas and Companys Rupees because I might have less trouble in getting them replaced and if instead of rejecting them I would employ the same endeavours to have them exchanged in my districts as you have in yours I should thereby you think more essentially consult the wants of the commanding officer and of his detachment

7 Had you adverted to the probability of my being obliged to do so as far as practicable in respect to my own advances you possibly might have thought very much the reverse of what you have expressed I shall only now say that tho I would willingly do much in accomodation to you I shall not take on myself to do what you ought to have done and I excluded all your invoice because I conceived any explanation from you to the Paymaster would be more proper than my taking any part of the money for his department and acting as a medium which as communication is now open I decline most decidedly and as you have transmitted Copy of letters between us to him be so good to have the farther goodness and remit the cash to him as I will not take charge of it

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8 If he take the coins objected to I have nothing more to say if he do not you will of course exchange them not me any other advances you can make to him you will be so good to inform him of as I have nothing to do with his department more than to tell him when distressed for money where he can get it

I have &c.

Dindigul 12th Novr 1801 } Signed / T. B. Hurdis
Collector

The Jemadar Shroff and Cash were reported arrived to me this morning I bid them wait your orders for which they are now in expectation

Signed / T. B. Hurdis
Collector

W Garrow Esqre Head Assistant

Sir,

Your letter of the 9th and enclosures have duly reached me

2 The claim of Sababady appears from your representation and the enclosures sent so clear as to give me no room for hesitation as to the justice of his demand but as the transaction appears to me by Karnam's Rowsorder to Sababady to involve more than is at present known previous to giving any order on the subject I desire that it may be fully stated how and by what means a partial recovery
was.

was made of the 3537 - 18 - 40 and why the sum 1537 - 18 - 40 Sababady's property was not returned to him under the same authority that the 2000 C. P. P.s were returned to Coopiyaudy Chetty and other soucars

3 You will recollect that if this sum be entered in Narayna Rows accounts with the Sirkar as part Collection that it becomes a sum for which he and his servants are responsible and thence that the act of Coopiyaudy Chetty in taking the 2000 C. P. P.s under the circumstances noted by you is an act of aggression on the Sirkar property

4 You will also recollect that a manager of Madura under the renter as Narrama Row under Husrul Mulk was circumstanced could not mortgage any part of an ensuing Crop and that thence any act of that kind derived from an imperfect right could not be valid

5 I have to desire a full investigation of the subject for although it appears to me that the claim of Sababady is just on the representation was made it occurs also that not only his money but the money of Coopiyaudy Chetty (if entered as receipts in the Sirkar accounts) is Sirkar property the non acceptance of the Bill at Madras does not alter the case it only throws the loss on the present parties

6 Should this sum not be in the Sirkar accounts as receipts there

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can be no hesitation in the decision and if on investigation you find the Sirkar has no Claim to it you have my authority to restore it as sealed to the claimant taking all his allegation on oath and warning him against any money transaction whatever in the District in future

7 In answer to your reference on the subject of Customs to be paid by the Baker of the Garrison wheat for its use you will inform the officer Commanding that the Murteeks who supplied wheat to the Baker previous to the disturbance in the South paid the regular duties always that no exemption can be allowed of the regular duties to the Baker who has for the last six Months only been the importer but that if any exaction over & above the established customs payable by the Murteeks be demanded or taken every possible redress shall be given the Baker

I am &ca

Signed/ J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul
13th Novr. 1801

List of Prisoners of Nuttum Pollam

Chinna Meenummah	Mother of the late Poligar of Nuttum
Lutchummah	Wife of Ditto
Moottoolinga Naig	Curta Naigues son Cousin to late Poligar of Nuttum
Singummah	Slave of Chinna Meenummah
Saravana Perumal	Late Simpardy of Nuttum Nullah

Nulla Aulaga

Valen

Coomawoo

Chocken — Woolagars of Nuttum Tollam

Vijeah

Pylneyandy

Chava Paroomal

Total 12

Major R Warne Commanding Dindigul

Sir,

The troubles in the Nuttum Collam being quitted in which the above named prisoners were said, but as it has appeared without direct proof, to be implicated and as they can give full and sufficient security for their appearance if required I beg the favor you to pass them over to the Cutwal who will bring them to me that steps may be taken for their release

I have &c

Signed J. B. Purvis

Collector

Dindigul
14th Novr. 1801 }

John Thursby Esqre. Paymaster

Sir,

Herewith you will receive bills for articles supplied the Detachments in your line No. 1 amounting to Star Pagodas 3558 - 11 - 49 accompanied by the necessary Vouchers

No. 2 is Copy of order from Lieutenant Colonel

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Colonel Agnew for Cully Chuckrams 2000

3 No 3 is account of sums paid for the use of the detachment under authority of Lieutenant Colonel Innes for Star Pagodas 88 - 29 - 66.

4 No 4 is account Particular of sums advanced and rice issued to wood Cutters sent with Lieutenant Colonel Innes according to date specified these have no reference or relation to those serving with Lieutenant Colonel Agnew whose accounts so soon as made up I will forward to you

5 For all these Items I beg an immediate order on your agent the Cash you may pay me I shall readvance to your Department directly

6 I have to desire bills for the S.Ps 10000 advanced to him some days since and to request that you will in future transmit me bills on receipt of the Invoice as much delay happens to my business from such delay in your Office

I have &c.

Signed/ J B Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul
18th Novr 1801 }

William Jones Esqr Sub Treasurer

Sir,

Enclosed I send you two Bills Dated 15th Novr 1801 No 132 for Star Pagodas 2815 - 44 - 79 - two thousand eight hundred & fifteen fanams forty four & Cash Seventy nine advanced from the Dindigul Treasury & another No 133 for Star Pagodas 4882 - 12 - 22 four thousand eight hundred and eighty two fanams twelve

and

and Cash twenty two advanced from the Madura Treasury both by the Madura Paymaster on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Revenue

I have &ca.

Dindigul 18th Novr. 1801 } Signed / S. B. Hurdis Collector

G. Garrow Esqre. Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

According to the orders of the Board dated 28th September I beg to forward Estimate of Probable Collections to the 30th April and of the Charges to the same date

2 I also forward an Abstract estimate of the probable revenue of the year to 12th July for the Madura provinces

I have &ca.

Dindigul 20th Novr. 1801 } Signed / S. B. Hurdis Collector

W. Petrie Esqre. President & Members of the Bd. of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I had the honor of addressing your Board on the subject of the irruption of the Rebel Poligars their enormities and the success of Lieutenant Colonel Innes against them

2 The execution of the Rebel Chiefs is likely to give security to the Country and to increase the revenues by Returning to the habits of cultivation tho whom the pride and restless spirit of the Poligars Vide list No 1

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had withdrawn from it to aid their depredations

3 In my letter of the 19th [illegible] to your Board I stated that the inconvenience to the Ryots of the Villages plundered and destroyed, would be greater than their loss I am sorry however to find on investigation that their loss has been very serious - and to request that proportionate assistance may be rendered them

4 In the investigation every means has been used to guard against fraud - the Dehwar statement is sent to shew the villages that have suffered and the Asamwar Statement to shew how individuals have been attended to

Vide No 2 & 3

5 I send also statement of the Tuccavy of these Villages for Fusly 1210 that your Board may as accurately as possible from an opinion of the quantum of damage sustained by the individuals in proportion to the rent they were Collectively answerable for to the Sirkar

Vide No 4

6 Relief is very necessary for the purchase of their household utensils and instruments of agriculture - And I beg a discretionary power for making such trifling advances to them as the injury of their Case may demand limiting the whole to the sum specified in the abstract Viz Star Pagodas 2787 - 3 - 19 I mention this sum as the extent only several of them having partly recovered their property will require little or nothing to be advanced while others who have really lost them all will

need every assistance the sirkar may be pleased to afford them

7 In advancing this recommendation I do not mean to suppose you ought to grant any sort of indemnity to these people - save as assistance they have certainly suffered but when I recollect these present sufferers could under the Celebrated & Infamous Iyengar in 1795 ravage and plundered the Country I conceive they might have acted with more decision and repelled those enemies in this instance as well as when under Poleagar Government

8 The happy termination of this most widely extended rebellion - has now permitted me to carry into effect a partial reduction of the regular & Meyloor sibbendy I beg to transmit a reduced Moyenzabita for the approbation of your Board the comparison of which with the one authorized will shew that the reduction of the Allagamalai Dilli and Iningalow Cutcherries after deducting the increase of sibbendy on the Shokaugherry Cutcherry and on the Kangayem Cutcherry from one additional Gomastah yield a saving monthly of 360 - 22 - 40 to the sirkar

Vide N[illegible] 5

Vide N[illegible]

9 The distribution of the Talooks which formed those Cutcherries is as follows their being added to Darapoor 3 Robbers of Allagamalla To Kangyem 12 Robbers of Allagamalli

To

To Shakaragerry the Pollams of Velli & Mungalom
To Culladom the Pollam of Teraeputty To Pullachee
the pollams of Yellieputty Somantoor & Kheuchodee
This arrangement which gives so
great a reduction of expense since the extirpation of
the rebels promises full security a short time
since the Veroopatchee Talook will have its sibbendy
reduced as well as Shuckaragerry but for the present
it is most proper all should remain as they are

Vide No 7 10 The partial reduction of the
Hungama Sibbendy will also I trust meet the
approbation of your Board the Statement accom-
panying shews the numbers and the transfer of those
of Pullachee to the regular establishment of
Shuckerragerry

11 I have the reduction of expence
per mensem is 802 - 31 - 38 exclusive of the
Vide No 7 Batta for the Peons belonging to the Collector of
Salem amounting to 114 - 26 - 16 in all to 957 -
25 - 64 ₰ month

12 In the Moyenzabita for Madura
I have entered Hungama Sibbendy for the
Talooks of Toroomboor & Teroomungalom
these peons also will be a relief from the Dindi-
gul Districts being composed of the 2d Resaulah
and the Peons raised for Yerracotta they are especi-
ally necessary for the Madura Country just now
for altho' rebellion is crushed by the extirpation
of

of the cheifs yet sirkar parties of plunderers still exists which for a few months will require a such appointed sibbendy to look after

13 It is my intention to reduce not only those but one Catchērie also at present in Madura so soon as it can be done consistent with propriety and which I hope to do so soon as a complete investigation now nearly ended is completed

I have &c.

Cottapatam 22d Novr. 1801 } Signed / S B Hurdis Collector

George Read Esqr. Sub Collector Baramee

Sir,

I send you the third of a sett of Bills by the Madura Paymaster for Star Pagodas 35000 thirty five thousand on the Military Paymaster General in favor of you for the Revenue of the Districts South of the Noyel

Your letter of 17 reached me the moment the bills came between those to the Commanding officer & Mr. Shuis by the latter agreed to take the coins I directed to Issue to be made

I have &c.

Dindigul 23d Novr. 1801 } Signed / S B Hurdis Collector

The first and second of the sett are with the shroff.

Lieut.

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Lieutenant Colonel Agnew

Sir

Having carried every point with the Ammoor Collerries the Detachment under Capt Smith is not any longer necessary on any business in that quarter

I have &ca

Colapollam 24th Novr 1801 } Signed J B Hurdis Collector

W Petrie Esqre President and Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

Previous to this address I have had the honor of addressing your Board on the subject of it and tho I anxiously hope it may meet a favourable reception I have my fears that my request may yet be desired

2 It is that an assistant Surgeon may be attached to me in my Collectoral Capacity the reasons heretofore assigned for non compliance were from the want of assistant Surgeons for the Southern Detachment but as it is now broke up I hope one may be spared for me

3 The many deaths among those under me is chiefly attributable to the want of timely medical assistance and when it is known to your Board that I am always save when at Dindigul more than 45 miles from the possibility of assistance in case of need and even then the probability of its not being possible to

to afford it me from the nearest garrison is to be looked to I trust to be excused for urging my request

4 The climate I am obliged to move in near the mountains is extremely injurious and the survey boys have been alternately down with fevers & Dysentries since my last

5 The following up the benevolent plan of inoculation can only be made successful among the natives by due attention to it in the first instance as well as instruction to such Bramin practitioners as will attend to it I have from the readiness particularly expressed by my head servants to begin with their own Children if attention be regularly paid them throughout the progress of the disorder every reason to think I can carry the wishes of Government completely into effect if the means be allowed me and I hope this as well as the self consideration which induces this request will procure a favorable recommendation from your Board for its being complied with

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Cotapollam }
25th Novr 1801 }

(Signed) L B Hurdis
Collector

Charles Carpenter Esqr Resident Combatoor

Sir,

I have received advice of a sett of bills for Star Pagodas 2147 being drawn by the Secy to Government on my Treasury in your favor — I have to inform you that my Treasury is

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is at this time unable to answer this bill so soon as I can pay the cash I will send you information

I am &c.

Madura / Signed) S B Hurdis
4th Decr 1801 } Collector

Dear Sir,

I have many of the Nabob's arms of different sorts - and some store will it be agreeable for you to receive them into the arsenal - and when will it be convenient

Very Obediently

4th December 1801 Signed) S B Hurdis
Collector

Major R Warne Commanding Dindigul

Sir,

I have to request you will be so good as send under a trusty and sufficient guard the Cannatoor and Auriapetty Coller Chiefs to Madura

2 As these people are proceeding to Lieut Colonel Agnew - the guard will be relieved at Madura

3 I have to request that the most explicit and direct orders may be given to the officer in charge of them to prevent their escape as they are prisoners of the first consequence to the peace of the Country.

I have &c.

Madura / Signed) S B Hurdis
4th Decr 1801 } Collector

List of Prisoners to be sent to Madura

Caroonathoor Arunachappa

Shadamoyen his son

Arunapully Chinna Cullianey

Signed S. B. Hurdis

David Brown Esqre. Nerroor

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 30th Ultimo and its enclosures Viz a bond from the Nerroor Braminee for six hundred Rupees bearing interest and the report of the present state of the Cane plantation

2 Previous to any answer on the subject of the Bond I beg to know specifically if the sum stated was or was not any part of the advances to the ryots for the purchase of Cattle Bandies &ca for the carriage of Cane to the works and which was to be accounted for by them in the settlement for the price of their Canes

3 I am sorry you have cause to fear a falling off in the produce of the Canes but as the business of planting rests with the ryots and as attended to will be productive of profits or loss to them I do not feel myself authorized to interfere with them in the business

I am &ca

Signed S. B. Hurdis
Collector

Madura
7th Decr. 1801 }

John Wallace Esqre. Collector at Trichinopoly

Sir,

I transmit you copies of letter from the Ramgerry Cadoovoor and Comaravaiday Veeramullay Poligars on the subject of their Caunatities which

I

I have to request may be rendered up to the … have to form

I have &c.

Madura
8th Decr 1801

Signed / S. B. Hurdis
Collector

Lieutenant Colonel Dyce Comg Madura

Sir,

I have to request that you will be pleased to direct a relief to a party under Lieutenant Marrie in Charge of prisoners of great consequence

2 The present detail with Lieut. Marrie is sub 1 Jem 1 H 3 N 4 sepoys 30

3 I have further to request you to direct a strong and sufficient guard to be in readiness to conduct prisoners according to the undermentioned list to Lieutenant Colonel Agnew &c as they are chiefs of great notoriety – and whose security is most essential to the peace of the Country I have to beg the favor of you to give the most explicit and direct orders to the officer who may be in Charge to prevent the possibility of their escape

I have &c.

Madura
9th Decr 1801

Signed / S. B. Hurdis
Collector

List of prisoners to be sent to Lieutenant Col. Agnew

Caroonathoor Condiapah } father & son
Shadamayen

Ounapretty Chinna Cullianee Taven

Signed / S. B. Hurdis
Collector

Lieut.

Lieutenant Colonel Agnew

Sir,

By the guard bearing this I send Caroomathoor Aundiapa Tavew Shadamayen.

Auriaputty Chinna Cullianee Tanew the Auroor band Cheifs who joined the Insurgents. If their Crime do not deserve death I hope you will take means to prevent their ever returning to molest this Country, their absence from it being of the most essential consequence to its security.

I have &c.

Madura }
9th Decr. 1801 }

(Signed) J. B Hurdis
Collector

Civil Smith Esqr. Civil Auditor

Sir,

I beg to transmit accounts of the districts under my management the delay in transmission has originated from the death of my Chief accountant.

I have &c.

Madura }
9th Decr. 1801 }

(Signed) J. B Hurdis
Collector

Received from Lieutenant Mann the prisoner under his charge from Dindigul to Madura

Viz Caroomathoor Aundiapah

Shadamayen

Auriaputty Chinna Cullianee Tanew

(Signed) J. B Hurdis
Collector

Madura }
9th Decr. 1801 }

G Garrow Esqre Secy to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

I beg you will be so good as substitute the accompanying D. C. B for November in place of the one sent a few days since as in that was an error now rectified I beg also that the wrong one may be returned to me

I am &ca

Madura
9th Decr 1801 } Signed / T B Hurdis
Collector

Robert Woolf Esqre Accountant General

Sir

Herewith be pleased to receive the statement shewing the probable balance of Cash on the 30th Instant

I have &ca

Madura
12th Decr 1801 } Signed / T B Hurdis
Collector

G Garrow Esqre Secy to the Board of Revenue

Sir

I beg leave to enclose account particulars of remittance of Coins to the Board of Revenue according to order and have to request authority for the admission of them in accounts

I am &ca

Madura
18th Decr 1801 } Signed / T B Hurdis
Collector

W Petrie Esqre President & Members of the B of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I was yesterday honoured with the

commands

Commands of your Board dated the 6th Instant

2 The hope that my exertions for the tranquility of the provinces under my management would in connexion with the military be successful was a certain inducement to them and tho rejoiced at the success that has established the supremacy of the British with look on a more solid footing than before I feel an additional pleasure at the approbation your Board have been pleased to reward of my Conduct

3 It also affords me great satisfaction to find I have so far as practicable anticipated the orders of the Board by opening the quarter part of the in the Dindigul district but a constant care is necessary to keep them open - As the jungle which generally grows near them and forms the recess is chiefly of succulent Trees and shrubs both of which unless rooted out, require a yearly cutting

4 The which are had united to Nature and every strong hold both in the Dindigul District and among the western Poligars have been destroyed - every in Veeroopatchee Delli and Jellyputty whether of stone or wood work have been completely ruined

5 I had upwards of fourteen Months since caused, roads to be cut in the most favorable directions throughout all the Country to the westward under me and also from Dindigul to the Pariaur in the hills of the Vakey on the Travancore

Travancore bounds - Roads have been made though
the Dindigul hills and I believe there is now not one
part of those hills that possess any other strength than
what arises from the   and detached
Rocks the works of nature

6 I have already attended to wing
from your Board respecting the peons of the Poliagars the
lands they hold and the tenor on which held - a seperation
of their interest from the Poliagar is extremely difficult
as those lands are now literably a piece for Idleness
they pay not one cash of rent for them - and receive
as Batta one measure of grain per diem if called to
serve by the Chief

7 This discription is different from
what forms the Costum all ryots of the pollams
are bound to service the peons are especial the ryots
have that attachment to their soil that weakens
their desire to serve the Chief in enterprize against
the Government these people are detached from
the poliagar by his ill fortune or attached by his
good - their Costs are various and   towards
the poliagar   are strengthened according to
the mode of management observed towards them

8 Those who Compose the peons
of almost every pollam are Chiefly of the Cost
of the Poliagar himself - or of his Poliagars (slaves
of the house) and their dependants amongst whom
are essencially included the two casts of Taliers and
Coliers - their destinction I have not been able

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to understand but their fidelity has ever been un=
questionable — nor do I consider it possible to
detach them from their master but by proving to
him their disease which I think only to be done
by shewing him his interest in taking rents for
those lands now assigned for the support of that
pride & state which a more heavy assessment of
peshcush would necessitate him to relinquish

9 This as a measure originating
from the Chiefs would operate to their disunion
and the disarming the Country would force a
compliance with the plan — in that case to se=
cure their attachment by consulting their
interest in granting their lands in perpetuity
for what is meant only to mark dependance
will in my opinion give the decisive blow to the
existance of the feudal Government in the
south so long obnoxious to the true Interest
of all concerned

10 It does not appear to me that by
inducing this measure from the Chieftain to=
wards his own people under the plea of his paying
a greater assessment and their fixing that
assessment on the peons lands as a mark of
favor to them can be considered as a mark of
signature to the Poligar because the settlement of
the Country resting with the sirkar — the sirkar
has the means of compensating the Poligar if it be
thought

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thought right but when it is remembered that the assessment whatever it be is so much now to the aggregate shews what it was and that the measure affects the power not the interest of the Poligar true Policy in my opinion leaves no room for hesitation

11 Your Board direct the granting lands near the hill and for roads to the parties chosing them for a small nominal quit rent for a period of ten years certain and Shane to fix the full rent at 25 per Cent of the gross produce of the average price of grain for the first ten years.

12 The Chief objections to this plan the want of population in the Villages near the hills

2dly the probable great falling of revenue if lands were offered at a rent less than the average Seerva of their Villages to persons now holding lands of the Sircar

3 the extreme unhelthiness of the places that it would be proper to clear to prevent their becoming natural fastnesses

4 The prejudice the ryots have in favor of the spots their families and themselves are accustomed to

13 I look on these objections as insuffi-rable not only as regarding those now holding lands who have made the roads before noticed but even as regarding those people of the Nabobs sepoys whose conduct I shall make the subject of a seperate address

your Board are so anxious to provide for

14 But persevering to that these objections I beg leave to submit the propriety of taxing the Villages in which these roads are situated with from four to fourteen days labor in the year — according to necessity at the time their attendance on their fields is necessary and that compensation be made to the work men from the Magaimum of the province or talook in which the work be done — The magama would be no exaction but it would be diverted from private individuals to answer the public purpose for which merchants and travellers have usually bestowed it but which from disuse has been generally kept by the Nautgours and is now claimed as right by those people but with none other plea in support than long & uninterrupted Manool

15 Should this suggestion meet the consideration of your Board I shall be most happy to put it in practice

16 The prohibition respecting arms has been proclaimed very frequently ever since I have had charge of Dindigul province — Since the war persons never have been suffered to carry them they have been invariably seized and destroyed — search has been made, and is making in every part and the numbers brought in both as discovered by my peons — and as detained in under former proclamation of reward authorised by your

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your Board have been very considerable

17 A ... of Madura has produced ... men three thousand stand of different sorts at are destroyed. Arms are daily coming in from Tre-rumgalore therefore which are destroying as they come in — the vigilance exercised has already pro-duced a discontinuance of them with travellers and I have every reason to hope the Dindigul and western districts will remain in that tranquil state as to render it unnecessary

18 I have now to request the attention of your Board to a circumstance which causes great trouble & confusion in the Madura Country viz the seperation of the Poligars from the Country over which they pretend to the right of cavel and their pay-ing that tribute to Mr Collector Lushington that covers for the sake of the Country be better trans-fered to Madura

19 The cavel collections have made great disturbances among the inhabitants and tho every redress practicable has been had yet it is submitted to your Board that the collection of every description of Revenue should be in the hands of the servants of one rather than the ser-vants of two Collectors

20 To ascertain the fees on this account the Curnoms of the villages, have been ordered in but the Poligars holding the Cavel have as yet prevented their coming, alledging they did not are

an order — hence business is staid demands are unsatisfied and an evasive of equivocal Conduct is encouraged

21 In addition to this grievance an other of Magnitude is to be noted Vizt the assumption of lands and of Villages from the southern talooks of Madura by the Poliagars during the last fourteen years very much to the detriment of Terroomungalom in particular

22 I have written Mr Lushington on the propriety of the Madura Poliagars being attached to my Collection for the good of the Country he has admitted it but not officially — yet I have every reason to be sure if your Board approve of the transfer he will have no hesitation in making it and I have every reason to think that when made the Country will be the better for it I shall be obliged by an early answer to this request as the Jummabundy for Madura although proceeding in every other respect satisfactorily is impeded by the want of regularity in that which must be made for the Cawel fees

23 The oppression of the former Government had induced the Chief part of the inhabitants of the Country as well for security against the Government, as against the predatory warfare of the Colleries to seek for refuge within the walls of Madura — the numbers increased so as to

depopulate Villages and as well from that Circum-
stance as from entirely neglecting cultivation a
very considerable decrease of Revenue has been the
consequence

24 These two Causes altho true, and what
really in the first instance produced the deficiency have
as yet been productive to the emigrants in greater proportion
than they have been unproductive to the Sirkar

25 Half of the lands left were
badly cultivated - and even the rent of those lands that
were so cultivated were because the cultivator
lived at a too great a distance from his Village and did
thro other what he ought to have done by himself
- this act was a plea for reduction of rent - and that
plea was most generally admitted

26 An artificial scarcity was frequently
the effects of this conduct an increase of price in every
commodity of life always - to remedy as far as practica-
ble these seeming inconveniences I established shandies
in different parts of the districts - which have had
the full effect of affording comforts to the inhabitants
and those comforts at a much lower rate than heretofore

27 To enable the inhabitants to return
to and repeople their Villages as well as to establish
on a more firm footing the markets already fixed -
assistance from the Sirkar will be necessary and in the
certainty of making their Country infinitely more
productive than in any period under the Mussulman
Government

Government I request to bee allowed five thousand Rupees to use in advances for these purposes unplanted recoverable according to the condition of the Ryots &   from one to two years— and I hope the   of your Board to this advance will speedily enable me to enter on what must be productive to Government and of great utility & [illegible] to the inhabitants

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Madura }
20th Decr 1801. }

Signed, S. B. Hurdis
Collector

Robert Woolf Esqr Accountant General

Sir,

In obedience to your desire conveyed under date 10th December by Mr Deputy Travers I transmit you estimate of probable receipts and payments in the province of Madura from the time of its   to the Company to the 30th April 1802

2. The account receipt is made up from the accounts for the last fusly from the Nabobs aumildars— the account "expected payments" from what is already estimated and partly paid and what is likely to be paid

3 I would have wished to have delayed the transmission this statement until my Jummabundy for Madura had been fixed— persuaded that what would then have been fixed would have in every respect proved more satisfactory— I hope a very short time will enable me to forward it— but until completed I do not think it right to touch on it

4. My letter of the 31st January 1801 assigned reasons why it was not in my power to be sufficiently accurate

accurate in the probable estimate of receipts of disbursements furnished the 10th of every month Viz the Jummabundy not being finished

5 The same reasons apply at this moment - only in a more extended as the great backwardship of the season in the Conquered Countries has as yet prevented the finishing the accounts on which the Jumma is fixed

6 thus the impeding the regular business of account does not entirely stay collection and that their may be as little trouble as possible - I will with your permission furnish a memorandum of the aggregate collection to shew the cash in hand until by fixing the Jumma on each Village and aiding the aggregate previously received respectively the accounts become regular

I have &c.

Madura
26th Decr. 1801 } Signed / J B Hurdis
Collector

Lieutenant Colonel Agnew

Sir,

Your letter dated 26th Instant I received late last night

2d. Previous to the receipt thereof I had received the proclamation of the 1st December in letter from the Board dated 11th Instant to which I gave full publicity in the Dindigul districts according to instructions I received in letter from the Board accompanying the proclamations were issued on the 21st

21st the Boards letter was received the 17th

3d As the instructions in the Boards letter to me respecting the purposes to which collected arms are to be applied differ very materially from the mode you have mentioned in the order you sent me Copy of to cause them to be sent weekly to the officers commanding I must ere I comply with your request in making them over, refer the subjects

4th Had I received any notice from you of an intended reduction in the price of pikes previous to my publication of the Government proclamation I would have made it but I do not apprehend any manufactory will be the consequence - the encouragement to informers - and the great difficulty of getting Iron being obstacles not easily overcome - Superadded to this it will not be difficult to discover the maker and check by timely and appropriate punishment - the fraud they might intend - I apprehend the object is to disarm rather than the pike used for the object - I confess I do not think the price too great

5 I send you a return of the arms of the Madura District taken and destroy by my people - the matchlocks were paid for under an old order at the rate of two Rupees each and those only that were given me by the discharged peons

6 As yet I have not published the proclamations in Madura - but I will do it as you

you desire under the reservation mentioned in my third Paragraph - which will not impede the intention of Government to which I will give any thing to make the whole efficient

I have &c.

Madura
29th Decr. 1801

(Signed) S. R. Lushington
Collector

Lieutenant Colonel James Innes

Sir,

I have great pleasure in transmitting the accompanying Extract respecting the disposal of the Personal property of the rebellious Poleagars.

2 Pursuant to the spirit of the Authority I have to request you will on the authority of detachment, inform me to whom the money & property is to be delivered - that being furnished with proper powers, the whole may be rendered accordingly

3 I send also Copy of the Statement sent to the Board - the details are in Hindoovee. Collections have been made of part of the outstanding Balance - the accounts are sent for and when received I will forward them to you

4 I have also in my hands two hundred and seven star Pagodas the price of an Elephant I purchased at outcry in Camp to add to the amount in the statement

I have &c.

Madura
31st Decr. 1801

(Signed) S. R. Lushington
Collector

Lieutenant Colonel Innes

Sir,

I

I duly received your favor and enclosures of the 22d.

2 The only possible reason for keeping your detachment in the field would be with the view of carrying into effect the orders of Government in their proclamation of the 1st Instant but as I apprehend a much smaller force (if any be necessary) would effect that point — I see no reason to require the further assistance of the detachment

3 I have every reason to think the arms generally of the province with the exception of those possessed by the Poligars have been seized and I have every hope those remaining with the Poligars will be given up without much trouble for the reward offered by Government in their proclamation of the 1st Instant published by me on the 20th.

I have &ca

Madura }
30th Decr 1801 } Signed / S R Hurdis
Collector

Lieutenant Colonel Agnew

Sir,

In my letter of the 29th instant I forgot to notice the part of your order the 26th which says the Tahsildars and other Revenue servants have recd. instructions to pay the proprietors of arms the prices stated in the annexed proclamation on delivery

2 I have found it necessary for several years past to prohibit any disbursement whatever from any Talook Cutcherry Treasury and

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and as I could not either in consisting with former orders or without great disarrangement in matters regarding Revenue inforce your order – I have directed the Tahsildars to pass their receipts for arms directing the holders of those receipts to proceed to my Cutcherry for payment according to what is specified in the proclamation. this will not impede the service in any respect whatever nor cause any difficulty in the receipt to the holders

I have &ca

Madura
31st Decr 1801 }

Signed/ T B Hurdis
Collector

William Petrie Esqr President and Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I was duly honored with the commands of the Boards dated 11th Covering a Proclamation of Government dated the 1st Instant – I circulated it in the Dindigul province under date 21st

2 On the 29th Instant I received the accompanying letter and Ly O from Lieut Colonel Agnew to which I returned the answer Copy now sent and this morning the subsequent dated letter

Vide No 1 & 2

Vide No 3 & 4

3 I certainly conceived the instructions to myself clear and explicit and I followed them your Board will gather from my letter to Lieutenant Colonel Agnew my reasons for not wholly acceding to his request

4 I know not of any other measures to be adopted than those directed and tho the price of the pike considered

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considered as such only is great yet I am sure the estimate object is more likely to be effected by paying more for it than by Reducing the price

5 I know of no arms that have ever been delivered out to any Poligar under my authority and those of the discharged Sibbendy have been delivered in to the Cutcherry and paid for

6 In addition to the list of arms seized in the Madura Province sent the 29th to Lieutenant Colonel Agnew I send a return of those since seized and an head shewing the grand total – previous to the publication of the proclamation dated 1st Instant

7 The orders of your Board respecting the appropriation of the Iron shall be minutely attended to as well every other direction respecting the settlement with the Poligars and other Ryots tho the season is I fear too far advanced this year for the project to have full effect

I have &ca

Madura
31st Decr 1801

Signed) J B Hurdis
Collector

William Petrie Esqre President and Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

In Reply to the commands of your Board under date 16th Instant I have to say in answer to Paragraph the 1st respecting remittance through soucar that I have never heard of one with whom I could trust one thousand Pagodas and